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Acronym List

ACE	armored combat earthmover
AAR	after action reports
BFV	Bradley Fighting Vehicle
HEMTT	Heavy expanded mobility tactical truck
HMMWV	High mobility multipurpose wheeled vehicle
IED	Improvised explosive device
IET	Initial entry training
JAQ Job Analysis Questionnaire	
LRAS3	Long range advanced scout surveillance system
MOS military occupational specialty	
MRAP	Mine-resistant ambush protected
TOW	Tube-launched, optically tracked, wire-guided
TRAC	TRADOC Analysis Center
TRADOC	Training and Doctrine Command
USARIEM	U.S. Army Research Institute of Environmental Medicine

Executive Summary

As part of a larger study conducted with the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC) to develop physical performance standards for seven of the Army's most physically demanding jobs (i.e., military occupational specifications, or MOSs), researchers from the U.S. Army Research Institute of Environmental Medicine (USARIEM) designed and conducted a total of three web-administered job analysis questionnaires (JAQs) among 19 series respondents – one with cavalry scouts and two with armor crewmen (these occupations are classified as the 19D and 19K MOSs, respectively). A total of 8,580 Army calvary scouts and 6,613 armor crewmen in the USA Army as of May or June of 2014 were invited to participate in their respective job-specific surveys, which addressed tasks specific to their own MOSs (hereafter referred to as "job-specific tasks"). Totals of 794 cavalry scouts and 464 armor crewmen responded to these surveys, thus yielding response rates of 9.3% and 7.0% respectively.

Of the 794 cavalry scouts all but one were male; 75% had been in the Army for at least seven years, and 89% had achieved the rank of E5 (i.e., Sergeant) or higher. Ten percent were under 25 years of age, and 31% were at least 35 years old. Ninety-five percent had been deployed at least once, and 52% had been deployed three times or more. Of the 464 armor crewmen all (i.e., 100%) were male; 81% had been in the Army for at least seven years, and 92% had achieved the rank of E5 or higher. Eight percent were under 25 years of age, and 42% were at least 35 years old. Ninety-three percent had been deployed at least once, and 49% had been deployed three times or more.

The third JAQ addressed tasks that are generally performed not only by armor crewmen but by enlisted Soldiers in many Army MOSs (hereafter referred to as "common tasks."). A total of 121 armor crewmen responded to this third questionnaire, for a response rate of 1.8%. Of these 121 armor crewmen, again all were male; 82% had been in the Army for at least seven years, and 93% had achieved the rank of E5 or higher. Seven percent were under 25 years of age, and 50% were at least 35 years old. Ninety-seven percent had been deployed at least once, and 50% had been deployed three times or more.

Among the respondents to the 19K job-specific survey there may be some who also responded to the common task survey; the researchers had no way of knowing how many armor crewmen responded to both these surveys. The respondents to each of these three surveys indicated that they were willing to participate in completing the respective questionnaires as representatives of their branch. By applying an inclusion criterion that required 50% or more of the survey items be completed by each participant, the numbers of respondents in the final datasets of the first, second and third questionnaires were reduced to 560, 370 and 54, respectively (or about 71% of those that responded).

Findings

Most Frequently Conducted Tasks

19D. Of the 16 tasks addressed in the Task Ratings section of the JAQ for the 19D (cavalry scout) MOS (i.e., one 19D job-specific task and 15 common tasks), analyses of variance (ANOVAs) and post-hoc statistics indicated that five tasks were reported as being performed more frequently than others (the complete list of tasks is provided in Tables 1 and 2). These five tasks, ranked in order of descending reported frequency, are:

- i) performing a dismounted foot march or tactical movement
- ii) lifting and dragging a casualty to a safe location as quickly as possible
- iii) lifting and carrying ammunition cans from the supply point (e.g., ammunition center or truck) to the back of a Bradley Fighting Vehicle (BFV)
- iv) with a group of Soldiers, lifting, carrying and connecting a vehicle tow bar for a Buffalo, BFV or Stryker from a towing vehicle to the disabled vehicle
- v) with assistance from another Soldier, lifting, carrying and installing the barrel of a 25mm gun onto a BFV.

<u>19K.</u> Of the 27 tasks addressed in the Task Ratings sections of the job-specific and common task JAQs for the 19K (armor crewman) MOS, seven were reported as being performed more frequently than others. These seven tasks, ranked in order of descending reported frequency, are:

- i) mounting an M2 .50 cal machine gun receiver on an Abrams Tank
- ii) loading ammunition for the M2 .50 Cal Machine Gun on an Abrams Tank
- iii) mounting the M240 weapon on an Abrams
- iv) while standing on the hull of an Abrams, lifting and carrying rounds such as multi-purpose anti-tank (MPAT) rounds from a Soldier on the ground or heavy expanded mobility tactical truck (HEMTT), and handing it to a Soldier inside the tank for resupply
- v) while standing in the turret of an Abrams, receiving rounds (such as MPAT rounds) from a
 Soldier on the hull and placing them into the ready rack
- vi) performing a dismounted foot march or tactical movement, and
- vii) carrying ammunition such as MPAT rounds from a supply point to the hull of an Abrams.

Most Important Tasks to Job Success

<u>19D.</u> Of the same 16 tasks referred to in the 19D section above, five were reported to be the most important to success as an Army cavalry scout. These five tasks, ranked in order of descending reported importance, are:

- i) performing a dismounted foot march or tactical movement,
- ii) with the assistance of another Soldier, pulling a casualty from a commander's seat and through the top hatch of a vehicle (i.e., a BFV or stryker)
- iii) while seated, removing and lifting/lowering the M242 Feeder Assembly from the 25mm Gun on a BFV during maintenance and/or remedial action misfire precedures

- iv) with assistance from another Soldier, lifting, carrying and installing the barrel of a 25mm gun onto a BFV, and
- v) loading Tube-launched Optically-tracked Wire-guided Missile (TOW) -2B Aero Missiles into a BFV Mounted TOW Weapon System.

<u>19K.</u> Of the same 27 tasks referred to in the 19K section above, seven were reported to be the most important to success as an Army armor crewman. These seven tasks, ranked in order of descending reported importance, are:

- i) loading multiple rounds in the 120mm main gun
- ii) removing a casualty from an Abrams Tank
- iii) repairing broken tracks on a tracked vehicle (i.e., an Abrams)
- iv) loading ammunition for the M2 .50 Cal Machine Gun on an Abrams
- v) mounting the M240 weapon on an Abrams
- vi) while standing in the turret of an Abrams, receiving rounds (such as MPAT rounds) from a Soldier on the hull and placing into the ready rack, and
- vii) vii) while standing on the hull of an Abrams Tank, lifting and carrying rounds such as MPAT rounds from a Soldier on the ground or HEMTT and handing it to a Soldier inside the tank for resupply.

Most Time Consuming Tasks

<u>19D.</u> Of the same 16 tasks addressed by the 19Ds, five were reported to take the most time to complete. These five tasks, ranked in order of descending reported time needed for completion (most time-consuming task first), are:

- i) performing a dismounted foot march or tactical movement
- ii) using a shovel or entrenching tool to fill sandbags when preparing to build a fighting position

- iii) lifting and carrying sandbags to an emplacement location and building a fighting position
- iv) jacking up a vehicle and removing lug nuts from a flat tire, and
- v) with the assistance of another Soldier, removing a spare tire from a HMMWV, rolling it into place, and lifting it onto the axle of the disabled vehicle.

<u>19K.</u> Of the same 27 tasks addressed by the 19Ks, seven were reported to take the most time to complete. These seven tasks, ranked in order of descending reported time needed for completion, are

- i) changing the sprocket on an Abrams Tank
- ii) performing a dismounted foot march or tactical movement
- iii) changing the bra, plow and roller on an Abrams
- iv) repairing broken tracks on a tracked vehicle (i.e., an Abrams)
- v) lifting and lowering Caiman tires from the top of an MRAP
- vi) lifting and carrying sandbags to an emplacement location and building a fighting position, and
- vii) using a shovel or entrenching tool to fill sand bags when preparing to build a fighting position.

Other Notable Findings

As can be seen above, the tasks rated as most important to job success are to a fairly large extent those reported as the most frequently performed. However, for both the cavalry scouts and armor crewmen, certain tasks were indicated as being more important but less frequently done. For cavalry scouts, these tasks were: 1) with the assistance of another Soldier, pulling a casualty from a commander's seat and through the top hatch of a wheeled vehicle (i.e., BFV or Stryker), and 2) loading TOW-2B Aero Missiles into a BFV Mounted TOW Weapon System. For armor crewmen, these tasks were: 1) loading multiple rounds in the 120mm Main Gun, and 2) removing a casualty from an Abrams Tank (Mounted). The data also highlighted one task for each of the two MOSs that respondents reported were less important but more frequently done. For cavalry scouts, this task was using a shovel or entrenching tool to

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fill sand bags when preparing a fighting position. For armor crewmen, this task was mounting the M2 .50 Cal Machine Gun Receiver on an Abrams Tank.

Several other findings are also noteworthy and, depending on the extent of their validity, may have important ramifications for training programs. First, each of the 28 tasks represented in this study were not performed by a small to significant percentage of the cavalry scouts and/or armor crewmen during the last two years - not even in their Initial Entry Training (IET). During this same time period, 30% of the 19D sample indicated they had performed only 10 or fewer of the 16 tasks addressed in the common and 19D-specific JAQs within the last two years. Eleven percent of the 19Ks said they had done only eight or fewer of the 12 tasks addressed by the 19K-specific JAQ within the same time period. Second, expectations and the frequency of task performance were related. For all the common and 19D-specific tasks and five of the 12 19K-specific tasks, those who said they were expected to perform a task when the situation arises reported completing the task more often in the last two years. (For the other seven tasks, a statistically significant result was impossible because nearly the entire sample said they were expected to perform the task if the situation arises.) Third, several important tasks inherent to the cavalry scouts and/or armor crewmen (i.e., 19D and 19K) MOSs were performed, as a whole, more often during combat deployments than in garrison or training settings. Fourth, a number of these respondents who had been deployed reported that they had performed MOS-specific tasks in the field but not in garrison. And fifth, there was only moderate agreement between subject matter experts and job incumbents concerning what aspects of the cavalry scout and armor crewman jobs were highly important to job success. Lastly, it appears that within each of the 19D and 19K MOSs there are a number of physically demanding tasks currently being performed by Soldiers that were not addressed by the JAQs used in this study. For cavalry scouts, these include the following two broad task areas: 1) mounting/dismounting, loading/unloading, and transporting equipment and ammunition that were not mentioned (e.g., the long range advanced scout surveillance system [(LRAS3)], various crew-served weapons, missile launchers, improvised explosive device (IED) detection and disabling equipment, and grenade launchers), sometimes to observational

point positions, and 2) navigating and sprinting through obstacles (e.g., climbing over walls, navigating or sprinting across ruggedterrain, and climbing up ropes and ladders) in full fighting load, while carrying equipment such as crew-served weapons. For armor crewmen, they include the following task areas: 1) performing manual track maintenance on tracked vehicles (e.g., replacing sections and entire sides of the track, replacing track pads, and replacing a track support chain) and transporting the materials necessary to perform these tasks, 2) installing, removing and transporting tracked vehicle road wheels, and 3) tracked vehicle engine service and maintenance tasks (e.g., checking oil levels, servicing the breech, and servicing v-packs).

Introduction

As part of a larger study conducted with the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC) to develop physical performance standards for seven of the Army's most physically demanding jobs, researchers from the U.S. Army Research Institute of Environmental Medicine (USARIEM) and Human Performance Systems, Inc. designed three web-administered job analyses questionnaires JAQs to be completed by Army cavalry scouts and armor crewmen military occupational specialties (MOSs 19D and 19K, respectively). These questionnaires were administered on the Internet by the TRADOC Analysis Center (the point of contact for this mailing was Dr. Jennifer Jebo) over a four week period in the fall of 2014, after which time the questionnaire was closed and taken offline.

Methods

The physically demanding tasks represented in the three JAQs administered in this study were identified by a job analysis, which was guided by a scientific review panel and a senior personnel working group. These two groups oversaw the scientific process of the job analysis and the development of initial task lists, respectively. The process of developing these lists was intiated using the instructions in Department of the Army Pamphlet 611-21. The current physical demands and DA Form 5643 (The Physical Demands Analysis Worksheet) were used to initially define the essential tasks. The concept was to update the existing physical demands based on lessons learned from a decade of conflict. The experts examined the information in DA PAM 611-21, identified the tasks represented therein, determined if the list was current and complete, and created specific standards for each of the tasks. This was an iterative process with oversight provided by TRADOC and experienced senior leaders in the 19D and 19K MOSs.

Following this process determinations were made concerning whether adjustments to the physical demands of each task were needed. These decisions were based on data from the Center for Army Lessons Learned, after action reports (AARs) from recently deployed brigade combat teams, and

interviews with recently deployed battalion- and company-level leaders and Soldiers. These experts were asked to provide information concerning whether a task was critical, how often it was performed, and any additional quantifiable information. The lists of tasks and standards were then peer-reviewed by selected battalion commanders, command sergeants major, and non-commissioned officers in each MOS who were not affiliated with TRADOC. Each member of this branch peer review panel had been deployed, and many had been recently deployed. The final products were submitted to TRADOC by the senior personnel working group. These products were the task lists, the standards, and the supporting justification for changes (including DA Form 5643), with the changes noted. The final lists of tasks and standards from each proponent branch were approved by both the TRADOC Commanding General and the Command Sergeant Major). These lists were then forwarded to the Sergeant Major of the Army's Board of Directors for review and approval. Upon approval of the tasks and standards, they were verified in the field at the request of the the TRADOC Commanding General. The definition of verification used was that 90% of a randomly selected population of Soldiers in each MOS should be able to successfully complete the task to standard.

The resulting three JAQs administered to cavalry scouts and armor crewmen in this study were designed to determine a wide variety of job-specific (performed only by either cavalry scouts or armor crewmen) and non-job specific (i.e., regularly performed by Soldiers in other MOSs) tasks of the 19D and 19K MOSs. These questionnaires were administered over the internet and responded to anonymously. No attempt was made to identify individual respondents. The first of these three JAQs (i.e., the "19D JAQ") addressed one job-related task specific to the 19D MOS (i.e., "Load TOW-2B Aero Missiles into a BFV Mounted TOW Weapon System") and 15 others which are regularly performed not only by cavalry scouts but by enlisted Soldiers in many Army occupations (the first task is hereafter referred to as a "job-specific task;" the others are hereafter referred to as "common tasks;" see Table 1). The second JAQ (i.e., the "19K-specific" JAQ) addressed job-related tasks specific to the 19K MOS (hereafter referred to as "19K-specific tasks;" see Table 2). And finally, the third JAQ (i.e., the "19K Common Task JAQ," or

"Common Task JAQ") addressed the same 15 common tasks that were included in the 19D JAQ referred to above. Concerning the Common Task JAQ, only data from Soldiers in the 19K MOS are presented for purposes of this report. The common task JAQ was also completed by Soldiers in several other MOSs, and this data will be presented in other reports being prepared for TRADOC. All three JAQs were divided into three major sections: 1) A section asking for demographic information (e.g., age, race, deployment history), 2) a set of questions addressing individual tasks, asking for (a) the frequency with which the respondent performed each task, (b) the importance of each to job success, (c) the time needed to complete each task, (d) whether the respondent was actually expected to perform each task when the situation required it, and (e) what uniform was typically worn while completing each task, and 3) a section titled "Supplemental Information" that was included to obtain a fuller picture of some of the tasks addressed in the previous section.

A total of 794 of the 8,580 cavalry scouts who were willing to participate as representatives of their branch provided data for the first JAQ, for a response rate of 9.3%. A total of 464 willing armor crewmen – a response rate of 7.0% - provided data for the second JAQ, and 121 willing armor crewmen – a response rate of 1.8% - provided data for the third questionnaire. Among the respondents to the 19K job-specific survey there may be some who also responded to the common task survey; the researchers had no way of knowing how many armor crewmen responded to both these surveys. By applying an inclusion criterion that 50% or more of the survey items would be completed by each included participant (excluding questions asking for some type of demographic data such as gender or ethnic group), the numbers of respondents in the final datasets were reduced to 560, 370 and 54, respectively.

Table 1. Tasks included in the 19D JAQ

Common Tasks

- 1) Lift and drag a casualty to a safe location as quickly as possible
- 2) With assistance from another Soldier, lift, carry, and install the barrel of a 25mm gun onto a BFV
- 3) Lift and carry ammunition cans from the supply point (e.g., ammunition center or truck) to the back of a BFV
- 4) Throw a hand grenade
- 5) Use a shovel or entrenching tool to fill sand bags when preparing to build a fighting position
- 6) Lift and carry sandbags to an emplacement location and build a fighting position
- 7) With the assistance of another Soldier, pull a casualty from a commander's seat and through the top hatch of a wheeled vehicle (i.e., BFV or Stryker)
- 8) Climb over, through, or around barbed wire obstacles
- 9) With a group of Soldiers, lift, carry and connect a vehicle tow bar for a Buffalo, BFV or Stryker from a towing vehicle to the disabled vehicle
- 10) Jack up a vehicle and remove lug nuts from a flat tire
- 11) With the assistance of another Soldier, remove a spare tire from a HMMWV, roll into place, and lift onto the axle of the disabled vehicle
- 12) Manually tighten the lug nuts on a tire with a lug or torque wrench
- 13) As part of a group of four Soldiers, remove the flat tire from a HMMWV, then roll and lift it into the back of a vehicle
- 14) Perform a dismounted foot march or tactical movement
- 15) While seated, remove and lift/lower the M242 Feeder assembly from the 25mm gun on a BFV during maintenance and/or remedial action misfire procedures

19D Job-specific Task

16) Load TOW-2B Aero Missiles into a BFV Mounted TOW Weapon System

Table 2. Tasks included in the 19K-specific JAQ

- 1) Mount the M2 .50 Cal Machine Gun Receiver on an Abrams Tank
- 2) Load ammunition for the M2 .50 Cal Machine Gun on an Abrams Tank
- 3a) Carry ammunition such as MPAT rounds from a supply point to the hull of an Abrams Tank
- 3b) While standing on the hull of an Abrams Tank, lift and carry rounds such as MPAT rounds from a Soldier on the ground or HEMTT, and hand it to a Soldier inside the tank for resupply
- 3c) While standing in the turret of an Abrams Tank, receive rounds (such as MPAT rounds) from a Soldier on the hull and place into the ready rack
- 4) Load multiple rounds in the 120mm Main Gun
- 5) Remove a casualty from an Abrams Tank (mounted)
- 6) Repair broken tracks on a tracked vehicle (i.e., an Abrams Tank)
- 7) Mount the M240 weapon on an Abrams Tank
- 8) Lift and lower Caiman tires from the top of an MRAP vehicle
- 9) Change the bra, plow and roller on an Abrams Tank
- 10) Change the sprocket on an Abrams Tank

Analysis

The analysis plan for this study was to use the simplest and most straightforward analyses available that would provide decision makers with helpful information. A central tenet of this plan was to display all the data rather than selected subportions of it. So for example, when highlighting a particular feature of any set of variables (e.g., those tasks rated as most frequently performed or most important to job success), the ratings (e.g., the frequency or importance ratings) are provided for all the variables in that set along with specifying the particular highlighted rankings or features. Frequency analysis was used to obtain descriptive information, and chi-square tests and phi-coefficients, t-tests, Mann-Whitney U tests, and analyses of variance (i.e., ANOVAs) with accompanying Duncan post-hoc tests were used for group comparisons. Mann-Whitney U tests were used specifically when one or more distributions of variables being compared were highly aberrant (i.e., deviated to a large extent from normal) or when this type of test was more suitable based on the item response categories.

Results

Section 1: Background Information (i.e., Demographics)

Demographic data for the sample completing the 19D JAQ (i.e., the 560 cavalry scouts who responded to the JAQ addressing one 19D-specific task and 15 common tasks performed by both cavalry scouts and Soldiers in other MOSs) are displayed in Table 3. Demographic data for the samples completing the 19K job-specific and common task surveys (370 and 54 armor crewmen, respectively) are shown in Table 4. Considering the combined sample from all three surveys, nearly 100% (all but one) were male. Eighty-six percent were Caucasian, 10% were African-American, 3% were Asian, and 1% indicated being native Hawaiian or another type of Pacific Islander. Fifteen percent indicated that they were of Hispanic or Latino descent, a demographic item that was separate from the item addressing racial background. Eight percent of the sample were under 25 years of age, and 38% were 35 or older. Nearly the entire sample (94%) indicated that they had deployed to a foreign country, and 51% said they had

been deployed three times or more. Fifty-one percent had deployed to Afghanistan, and 88% had deployed to Iraq. Thirty-eight percent of the combined sample reported they had served in both these theaters of operation.

Table 3. Demographic data for the sample completing the 19D JAQ					
Variable ¹		19D JAQ Sample			
Gender					
Male	n=559	558 (99.8%)			
Female		1 (0.2%)			
Ethnic Background					
Hispanic or Latino	n=498	72 (14.5%)			
Not Hispanic or Latino		426 (85.5 %)			
Race					
Caucasian	n=485	429 (88.5%)			
African American		37 (7.6%)			
Asian (Chinese, Philippino, Japanese, Korean, etc.)		11 (2.3%)			
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander		8 (1.6%)			
Age					
Under 25	n=398	34 (8.7%)			
25 to 30		121 (30.4%)			
31 to 40		205 (51.6%)			
Over 40		38 (9.5%)			
Rank					
PVT, PV2, & PFC (E1-E3)		6 (1.1%)			
SPC or CPL (E4)	n=556	42 (7.6%)			
SGT (E5)		127 (22.8%)			
SSG (E6)		219 (39.4%)			
SFC (E7)		162 (29.1%)			
Tenure in the Army					
Less than 18 months		6 (1.1%)			
18 months to 3 years	n=557	29 (5.2%)			
4 to 6 years		93 (16.7%)			
7 to 10 years		157 (28.2%)			
11 or more years		272 (48.6%)			
<u>Times Deployed Since 11 SEP 2001</u>					
Zero		32 (5.7%)			
One	n=558	71 (12.7%)			
Two		162 (29.0%)			
Three		186 (33.3%)			
Four or more		107 (19.2%)			
Component					
Active Army	n=560	559 (99.8%)			
Army National Guard		1 (0.2%)			

¹ Percentages for some of the demographic variables do not sum exactly to 100% due to rounding.

Table 4. Demographic data for the samples completing the 19K-specific and Common Task JAQs

<u>Variable¹</u>		19K-specific JAQ Sample		Common Task JAQ Sample
<u>Gender</u>				
Male Female	n=368	368 (100%)	n=54	54 (100%)
Ethnic Background				
Hispanic or Latino Not Hispanic or Latino	n=343	54 (15.7%) 289 (84.3 %)	n=49	5 (10.2%) 44 (89.8 %)
Race				
Caucasian African American Asian (Chinese, Philippino, Japanese, Korean, etc.) Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	n=320	263 (82.2%) 44 (13.8%) 10 (3.1%) 3 (0.9%)	n=46	42 (91.3%) 2 (4.3%) 2 (4.3%)
Age				
Under 25 25 to 30 31 to 40 Over 40	n=370	26 (7.1%) 102 (27.5%) 196 (52.9%) 46 (12.4%)	n=50	1 (2.0%) 17 (34.0%) 21 (42.0%) 11 (22.0%)
Rank				
PV2 & PFC (E3) SPC or CPL (E4) SGT (E5) SSG (E6) SFC (E7)	n=370	10 (2.7%) 13 (3.5%) 79 (21.4%) 144 (38.9%) 124 (33.5%)	n=54	2 (3.7%) 2 (3.7%) 10 (18.5%) 21 (38.9%) 19 (35.2%)
Tenure in the Army				
Less than 18 months 18 months to 3 years 4 to 6 years 7 to 10 years 11 or more years	n=370	10 (2.7%) 15 (4.1%) 40 (10.8%) 86 (23.2%) 219 (59.2%)	n=54	2 (3.7%) 3 (5.6%) 4 (7.4%) 15 (27.8%) 30 (55.6%)
Times Deployed Since 11 SEP 2001				
Zero One Two Three Four or more	n=370	22 (5.9%) 55 (14.9%) 108 (29.2%) 111 (30.0%) 74 (20.0%)	n=54	2 (3.7%) 10 (18.5%) 17 (31.5%) 16 (29.6%) 9 (16.7%)

¹ Percentages for some of the demographic variables do not sum exactly to 100% due to rounding.

<u>Variable¹</u>		19K-specific JAQ Sample		Common Task JAQ Sample
Tenure in current MOS $(n = 369)$				
Less than 18 months 18 months to 3 years 4 to 6 years 7 to 10 years 11 or more years	n=369	11 (3.0%) 14 (3.8%) 44 (11.9%) 93 (25.2%) 207 (56.1%)		
Component (n's = 370 & 54) Active Army Army National Guard	n=370	368 (99.5%) 2 (0.5%)	n=54	54 (100%)

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Section 2: Common and 19D-specific Task Ratings

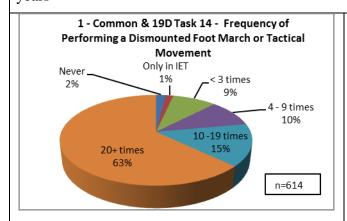
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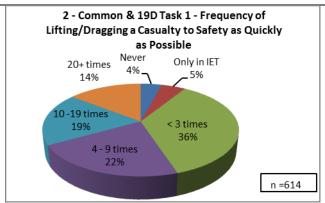
- how often each common and 19D-specific task was performed in the last two years,
- extent to which each common and 19D-specific task was expected to be performed,
- rated importance of each common and 19D-specific task,
- rated time each common and 19D-specific task takes to perform, and
- uniforms worn for each common and 19D-specific task.

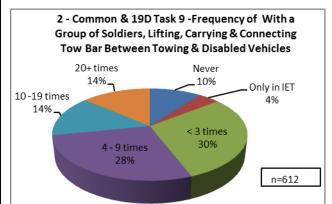
2.1. How Often Each Common and 19D-specific Task Was Performed in the Last Two Years

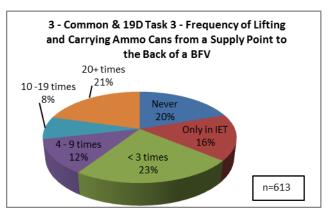
Tasks with the same ranking numbers (i.e., with the same number on the far left in the chart title) do not differ statistically from each other. So for example, referring to Figure 1, both the tasks numbered "2" were reported to have been performed at about the same rate of frequency.

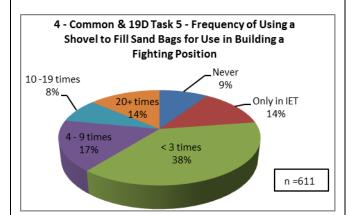
Figure 1. Frequencies with which common and 19D-specific tasks were performed in the last two years

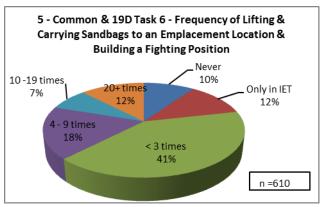


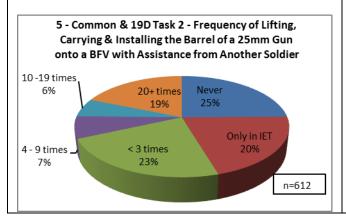












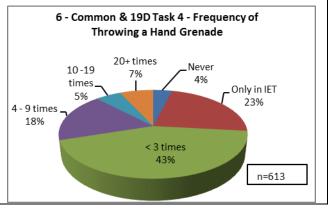
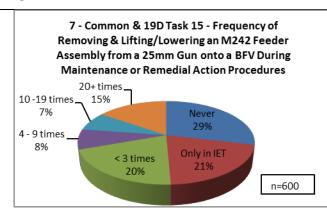
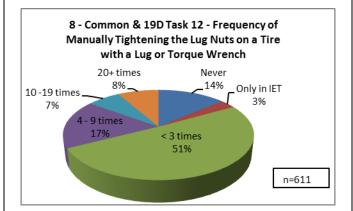
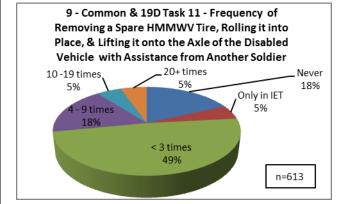
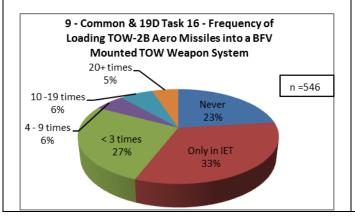


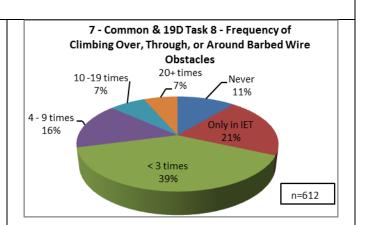
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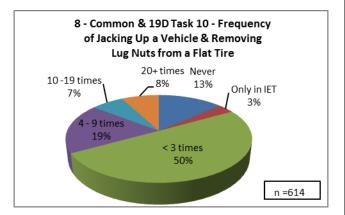


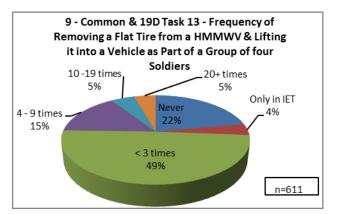


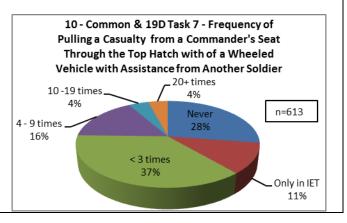












2.2. The Extent to Which Each Common and 19D-specific Task Was Expected to be Performed

For each of the tasks represented by the JAQ, respondents were asked whether they were expected to complete the task if the situation arises. Table 5 below displays the responses to this question for each of the tasks included on the 19D JAQ.

Table 5. The extent to which each common and 19D-specific task was expected	to be perform	ned
${f Task}^1$	Yes, I am Expected to Perform This	No, I am Not Expected to Perform This
1) Lift and Drag a Casualty to Safe Location (n=610)	<u>Task</u> 99%	<u>Task</u> 1%
1) Perform a dismounted foot march or tactical movement (n=613)	98%	2%
2) Throw a Hand Grenade (n=609)	96%	4%
3) With the assistance of another Soldier, pull a casualty from a commander's seat and through the top hatch of a wheeled vehicle (i.e., BFV or Stryker) (n=610)	92%	8%
3) With a group of Soldiers, lift, carry and connect a vehicle tow bar for a Buffalo, BFV or Stryker from a towing vehicle to the disabled vehicle (n=610)	92%	8%
4) Jack up a vehicle and remove lug nuts from a flat tire (n=612)	90%	10%
4) Manually tighten the lug nuts on a tire with a lug or torque wrench (n=604)	89%	11%
4) With the assistance of another Soldier, remove a spare tire from a HMMWV, roll into place, and lift onto the axle of the disabled vehicle (n=612)	89%	11%
4) Load TOW-2B Aero Missiles into a BFV Mounted TOW Weapon System (n=544)	88%	12%
4) Lift and carry sandbags to an emplacement location and build a fighting position (n=610)	88%	12%
4) Use a shovel or entrenching tool to fill sand bags when preparing to build a fighting position (n=609)	88%	12%
4) Climb over, through, or around barbed wire obstacles (n=607)	86%	14%
4) Lift and carry ammunition cans from the supply point (e.g., ammunition center or truck) to the back of a BFV (n=609)	86%	14%
5) With assistance from another Soldier, lift, carry, and install the barrel of a 25mm gun onto a BFV (n=610)	85%	15%
5) As part of a group of four Soldiers, remove the flat tire from a HMMWV, then roll and lift it into the back of a vehicle (=607)	85%	15%
5) While seated, remove and lift/lower the M242 Feeder Assembly from the 25mm gun on a BFV during maintenance and/or remedial action misfire procedures (n=600)	81%	19%

¹ Tasks with the same ranking numbers (i.e., with the same numbers on the far left of the listed tasks) do not statistically differ from each other.

2.3. The Rated Importance of Each Common and 19D-specific Task

Tasks with the same ranking numbers (i.e., with the same number on the far left in the chart title) do not statistically differ from each other. So for example, Figure 2 shows all the tasks numbered "2" are rated at about the same level of importance.

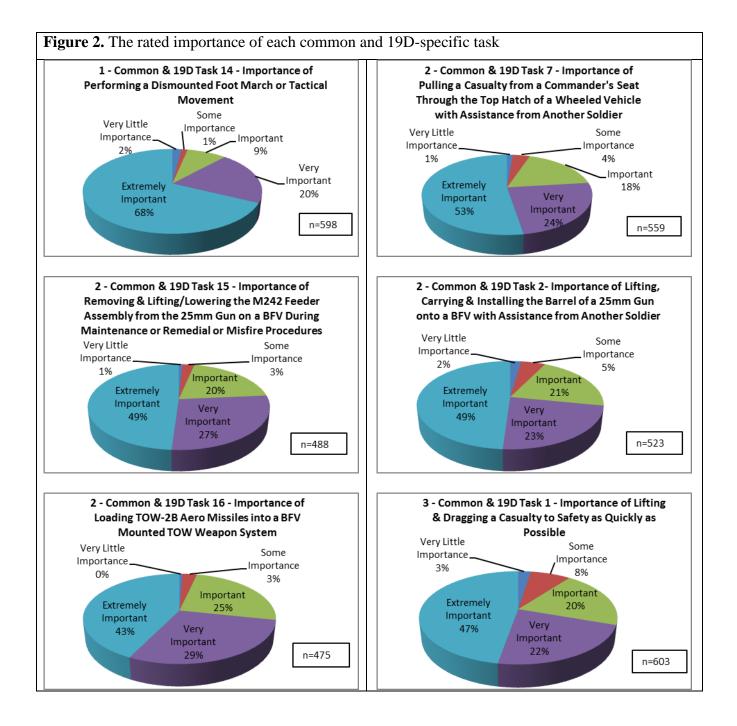
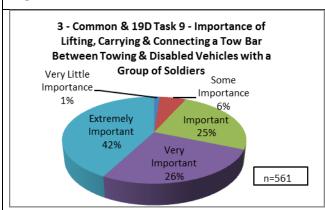
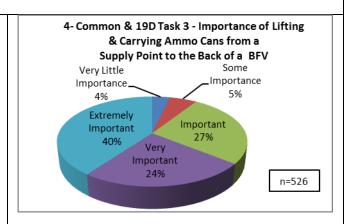
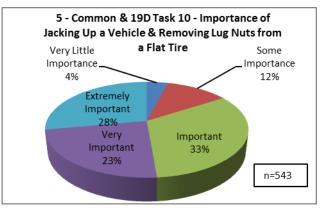


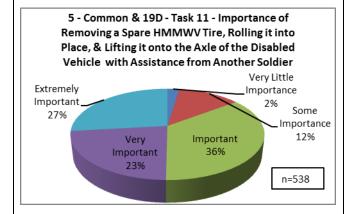
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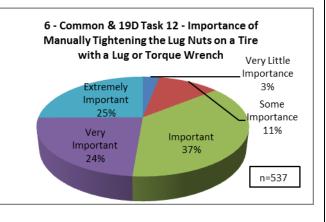


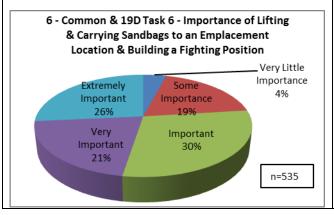


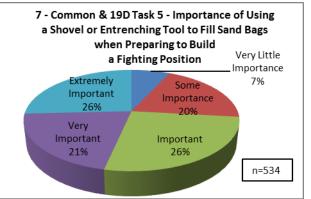


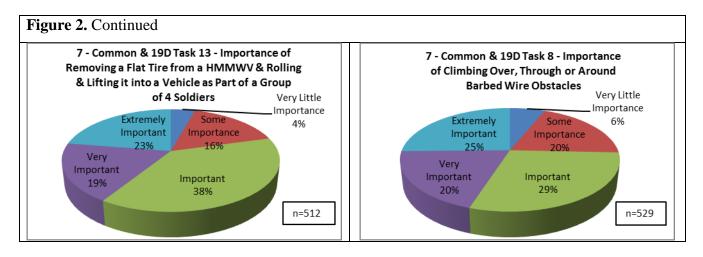












2.4. The Rated Time Each Common and 19D-specific Task Takes to Perform

Tasks with the same ranking numbers (i.e., with the same number on the far left in the chart title) do not statistically differ from each other. So for example, Figure 3 shows all the tasks numbered "6" are rated as taking about the same amount of time to complete.

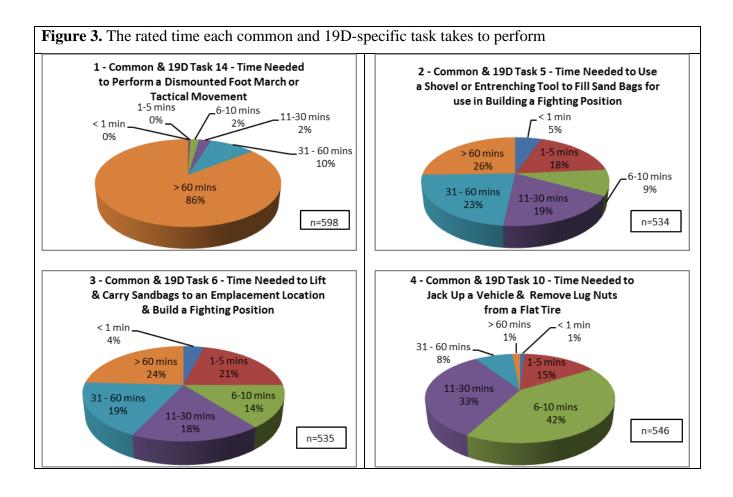
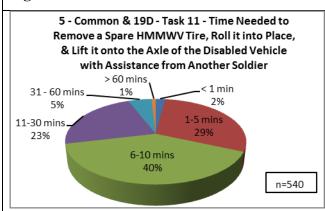
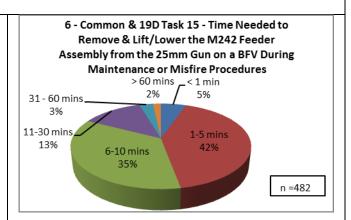
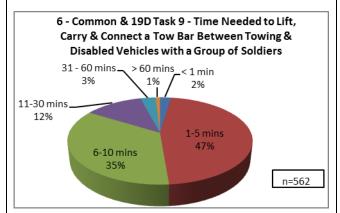
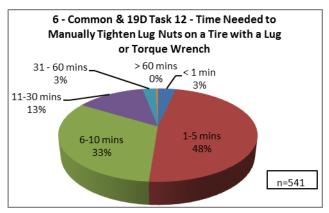


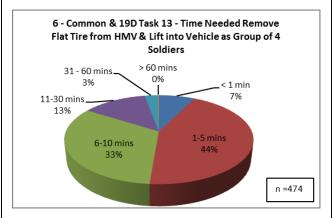
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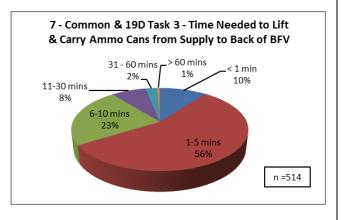


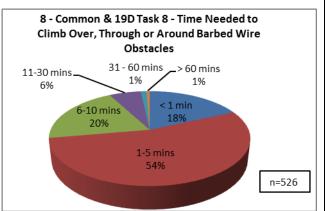


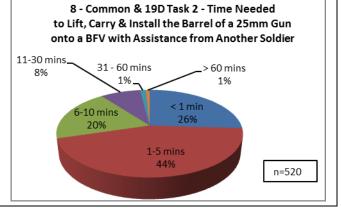


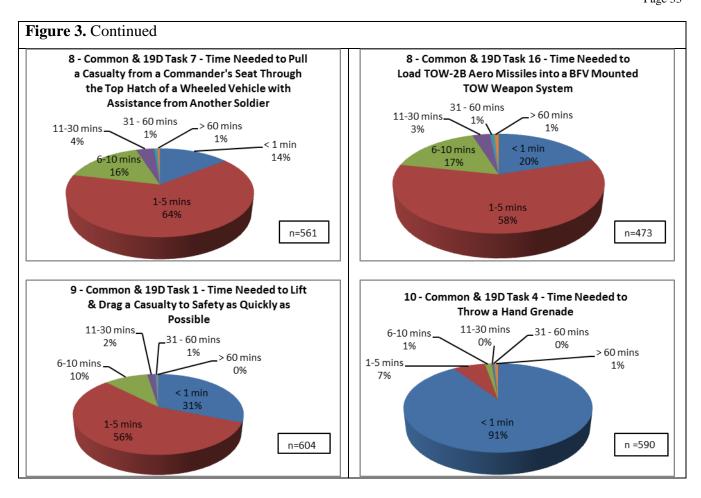












2.5. Uniforms Worn for Each Common and 19D-specific Task

Response options for these questions (Figure 4) were 1) Standard Uniform, 2) Standard Uniform with Vest, 3) Fighting Load Minus Weapon, 4) Fighting Load with Weapon, 5) Approach March Load, and 6) Emergency Approach March Load.

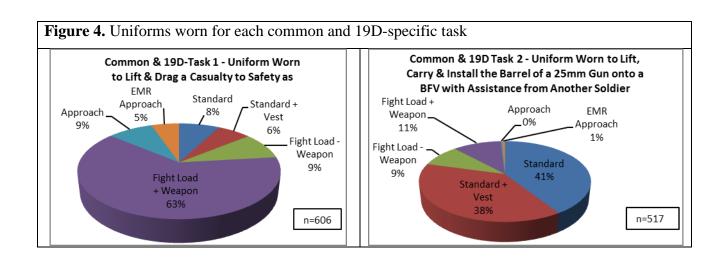
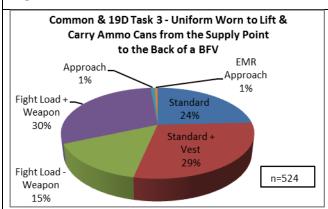
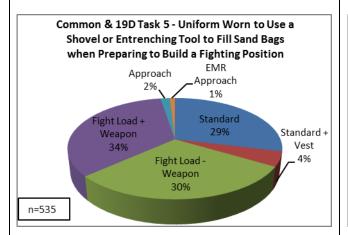


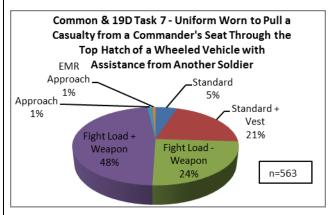
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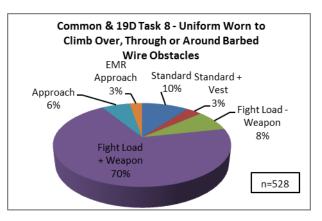


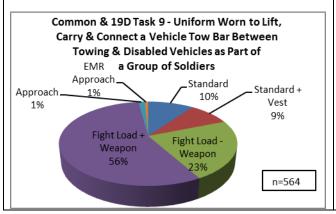


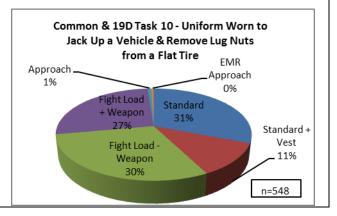


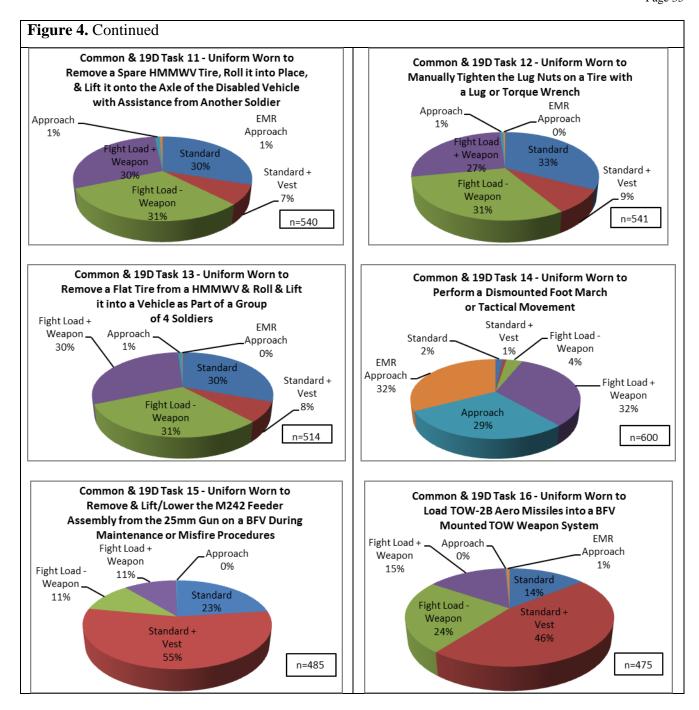












Section 3: Common and 19D-specific Task Supplemental Information

Following is information obtained by a second set of job-related questions on the 19D and 19K Common Task JAQs. These questions were asked to gain a more complete picture of some of the tasks addressed in the previous portions of the two questionnaires.

3.1. Time, Quantity and Distance Pertaining to Calvary Scout Tasks

25mm Ammo Cans: Six questions were asked in this section. The first two questions using a fixed-response format asked: 1) When fully supplying a BFV, what is the total number of 25mm ammo cans you usually carry from a supply point to the vehicle? 2) How far (in yards) did you you usually carry 25mm ammo cans from the supply point to the BFV? Figure 5 displays the responses to these two questions. An additional four questions were asked pertaining to the carrying of 25mm ammo cans using an open response format: 3) What is the smallest number of 25mm ammo cans you ever personally carried from a supply point to a BFV? 4) What is the largest number of 25mm ammo cans you ever personally carried from a supply point to a BFV? 5) What is the shortest distance (yards) you ever carried 25mm ammo cans from a supply point to a BFV? 6) What is the longest distance (yards) you ever carried 25mm ammo cans from a supply point to a BFV? Tables 6 and 7 below summarize the responses to these four questions.

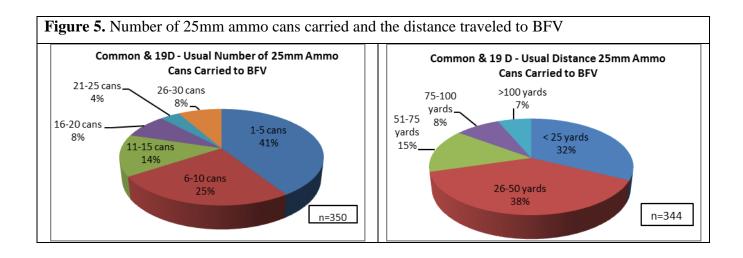


Table 6. Number of 25mm ammo cans subjects carried from a supply point to a BFV					
Number Mean Median Mode Std D					
Smallest number (n=317)	2.6	2.0	1	2.6	
Largest number (n=328)	10.6	5.0	2	15.9	

Table 7. Distance (yards) subjects carried 25mm ammo cans from a supply point to a BFV					
Distance (Yards)	<u>Mean</u>	<u>Median</u>	Mode	Std Dev	
Shortest Distance (n=330)	12.4	10.0	5	17.5	
Farthest Distance (n=337)	83.4	50.0	50	77.2	

Filling Sandbags and Building a Fighting Position: Six questions were asked in this section. The first two questions using a fixed-response asked: 1) How long does it usually take you to fill enough sandbags to build one fighting position? 2) How long does it usually take you to carry sandbags to a designated location and build a fighting position? Figure 6 below displays the responses to these two questions. An additional four questions were asked pertaining to the carrying of 25mm ammo cans using an open response format: 3) When filling enough sandbags to build a single fighting position, what is the shortest amount of time (in minutes) it took you to fill enough sandbags? 4) What is the longest amount of time (in minutes) it took you to fill enough sandbags? 5) In the past, when you've carried sandbags and used them to build a fighting position, what is the shortest amount of time (in minutes) it has taken you to complete the task? 6) What is the longest amount of time (in minutes) it has taken you to complete the task? Tables

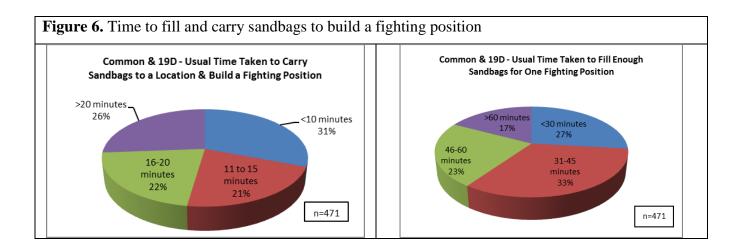
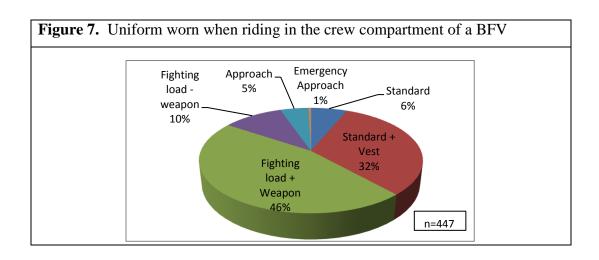


Table 8. Time (minutes) spent by respondents to fill enough sandbags for a fighting position						
Time (Minutes) Mean Median Mode Std Do						
Shortest time (n=480)	32.2	30.0	30	26.1		
Longest time (n=480)	80.7	60.0	60	235.2		

Table 9. Time (minutes) spent by respondents to carry sandbags for and build a fighting position						
<u>Time (Minutes)</u> <u>Mean</u> <u>Median</u> <u>Mode</u> <u>Std D</u>						
Shortest time (n=464)	20.4	15.0	10	23.1		
Longest time (n=465)	50.3	35.0	60	67.9		

Uniform Worn When Riding in a BFV: One fixed-response question was asked in this section: Which response best describes the uniform you wear when riding in the crew compartment of a BFV or Stryker? The response options for this question were: 1) Standard Uniform, 2) Standard Uniform with Vest, 3) Fighting Load Minus Weapon, 4) Fighting Load with Weapon, 5) Approach March Load, and 6) Emergency Approach March Load. Figure 7 below displays the responses to this question.



Change Vehicle Track Section or Tire: Six questions were asked in this section of the JAQ. The first two questions using a fixed-response format asked: 1) When you changed a section of track on a vehicle (for example, BFV, M9 armored combat earth mover [ACE], Assault Breacher Vehicle), how many other Soldiers usually helped you perform the task? 2) When you changed a tire on a vehicle (for example, a Stryker or MRAP), how many other Soldiers usually helped you perform the task? Figure 8 displays the responses to these two questions. An additional four questions were asked in this section using an open response format: 3) When you changed a section of track on a vehicle, what is the smallest number of Soldiers who helped you perform the task? 4) What is the greatest number of Soldiers who helped you perform the task? 5) When you changed a tire on a vehicle like the Stryker or MRAP, what is the smallest number of Soldiers who helped you perform the task? 6) What is the greatest number of Soldiers who helped you perform the task? Tables 10 and 11 display data representing the answers to these four questions.

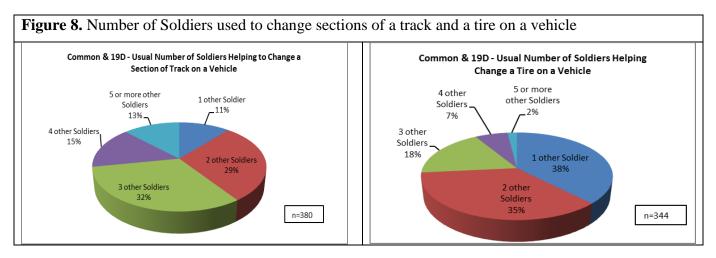


Table 10. Number of Soldiers helping the subject to change a vehicle track section				
Number of Soldiers	<u>Mean</u>	<u>Median</u>	<u>Mode</u>	Std Dev
Fewest soldiers (n=374)	2.5	2.0	1	4.4
Most soldiers (n=374)	7.1	5.0	5	9.0

Table 11. Number of Soldiers helping the subject to change a vehicle tire					
Number of Soldiers Mean Median Mode Std I					
Fewest soldiers (n=463)	1.7	1.0	1	1.6	
Most soldiers (n=462)	4.1	4.0	4	4.0	

Lug Nuts: Two questions were asked in this section using an open response format: 1) When you changed a tire on a vehicle (for example, a Stryker or MRAP), what percentage of those times did you loosen and/or tighten the lug nuts manually with a wrench? 2) What percentage of those times did you use an air-operated impact wrench? Table 12 displays data representing the answers to these two questions.

Table 12. Percentage of times the subject loosened lug nuts manually with a wrench or by using an air-operated impact wrench

Method to Loosen Lug Nuts	Mean	Median	Mode	Std Dev
Manually (n=494)	59.3	70.0	100	36.2
With Impact Wrench (n=494)	32.2	25.0	0	32.9

Dismounted Tactical Movement: Six questions were asked in this section. The first two questions using a fixed-response format asked: 1) When performing a dismounted tactical movement, how far do you usually move? 2) When you performed a dismounted tactical movement, how heavy was the load you usually carried? (Weights represented in the response format for this question were: Ruck Sack – 40 pounds; Fighting Load – about 80 pounds; Approach March Load – fighting load with weapon plus 20-25 pound assault pack [total of perhaps 105-110 pounds]; Emergency Approach March Load – about 125 pounds or more.) Figure 9 displays the responses to these two questions. The other four questions in this section were asked using an open response format: 3) When you performed a dismounted tactical movement, what is the shortest distance you moved (in miles)? 4) What is the lightest load you carried

(in pounds)? 6) What is the heaviest load you carried (in pounds)? Tables 13 and 14 display data representing the answers to these four questions.

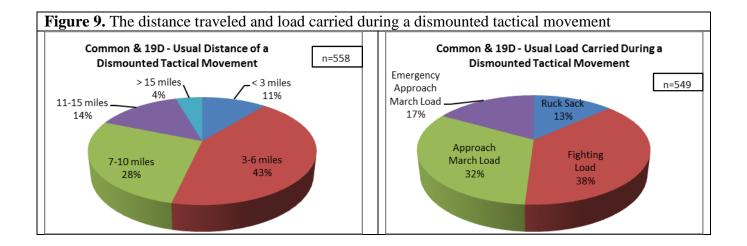


Table 13. Distances covered by subjects during a dismounted tactical movement **Distance (Miles)** Mean Median Mode **Std Dev** Shortest distance (n=537) 2.2 2.0 1 1.9 Longest distance (n=543) 15.0 15 16.8 10.3

Table 14. Loads (pounds) carried by	subjects of	during a dis	mounted	tactical
movement				
Load (pounds)	<u>Mean</u>	Median	Mode	Std Dev
Lightest load (n=544)	41.7	35.0	35	24.9
Heaviest load (n=544)	102.4	100.0	100	55.9

Dismounted Tactical Movements Over Six Miles: Six questions were asked in this section. The first two questions using a fixed-response asked: #1) How much weight do you usually carry when performing a dismounted tactical movement of 6 miles or more? (Response options to this question were: 1) Ruck Sack (40 lb), 2) Fighting Load (about 80 lb), 3) Approach March Load: Fighting load with weapon plus 20-25 lb assault pack, and 4) Emergency Approach March Load (about 125 lb or more): Fighting load with sustainment load weighing 40-50 lb), and question #2) How long does it usually take you to perform

a dismounted tactical movement of at least six miles while carrying a load of 100 lb or more? Figure 10 displays the responses to these two questions. An additional four questions were asked in this section using an open response format: 3) When you performed a dismounted tactical movement of six miles or more, what is the lightest load you carried (in pounds)? 4) What is the heaviest load you carried (in pounds)? 5) When you performed a dismounted tactical movement of 6 miles or more while carrying a load of 100 pounds or more, what is the shortest time it took you (in hours) to complete this task? 6) What is the longest time it took you (in hours) to complete this task? Data representing the answers to these questions are displayed in Tables 15 and 16.

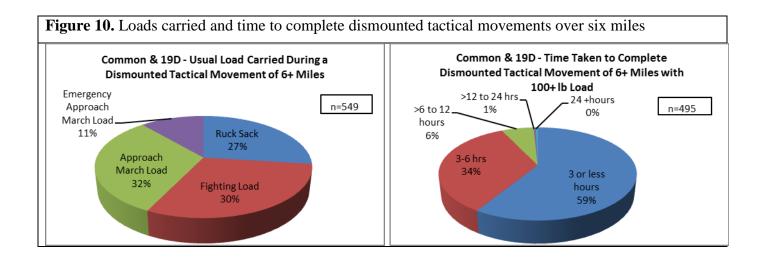


Table 15. Loads (pounds) carried by subjects during dismounted tactical movements of six miles or more **Load Carried (Pounds) Mean Median Mode Std Dev** Lightest Load (n=537) 41.3 35.0 35 24.5 Heaviest Load (n=537) 92.3 90.0 80 35.0

Table 16. Time (hours) taken by subjects during dismounted tactical movements of six miles or more							
<u>Time Taken (Hours)</u>	Mean	Median	Mode	Std Dev			
Shortest Time (n=464)	3.9	2.0	2	12.4			
Longest Time (n=465)	Longest Time (n=465) 7.1 4.0 3 19.9						

Carrying Sandbags: Three questions were asked in this section. The first question, using a fixed-response format, asked: When you carried sandbags to build a protective bunker, how long did it usually take you to carry the required number of sandbags to the designated location for the bunker? Figure 11 displays the responses to this question. An additional two questions were asked in this section using an open response format: 2) When you carried sandbags to build a protective bunker, what is the shortest time (in minutes) it took to carry the sandbags and build the bunker? 3) What is the longest time (in minutes) it took to carry the sandbags and build the bunker? Table 17 displays data representing the answers to these two questions.

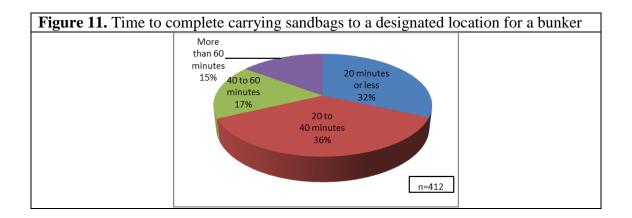


Table 17. Time (minutes) taken by respondents to carry sandbags and build a bunker				
<u>Task Time (Minutes)</u>	Mean	Median	Mode	Std Dev
Shortest time (n=388)	27.3	20.0	20	28.1
Longest time (n=390)	66.9	50.0	60	72.0

Dragging a Casualty Under Fire: Three questions were asked in this section. The first question, using a fixed-response format, asked: When you were dragging a casualty or saw someone else dragging a casualty under fire, what is the furthest distance they were ever dragged? Figure 12 displays the responses to this question. Two questions were asked in this section using an open response format: 2) When you were dragging a casualty or saw someone else dragging a casualty under fire, what percent of the time

was casualty being dragged by only one person? 3) What percent of the time was casualty being dragged by two people? Table 18 below displays data representing the answers to these two questions.

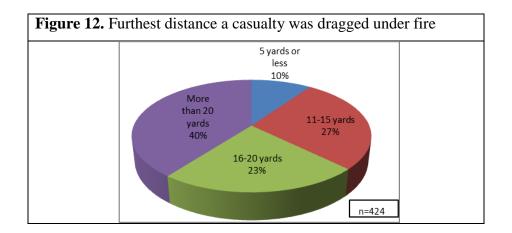


Table 18. Percentage of times a casualty was dragged under fire by one or by two people

Number of People <u>Dragging a Casualty</u>	<u>Mean</u>	<u>Median</u>	Mode	Std Dev
One Person (n=412)	53.1	50.0	50	27.7
Two People (n=411)	46.6	50.0	50	27.6

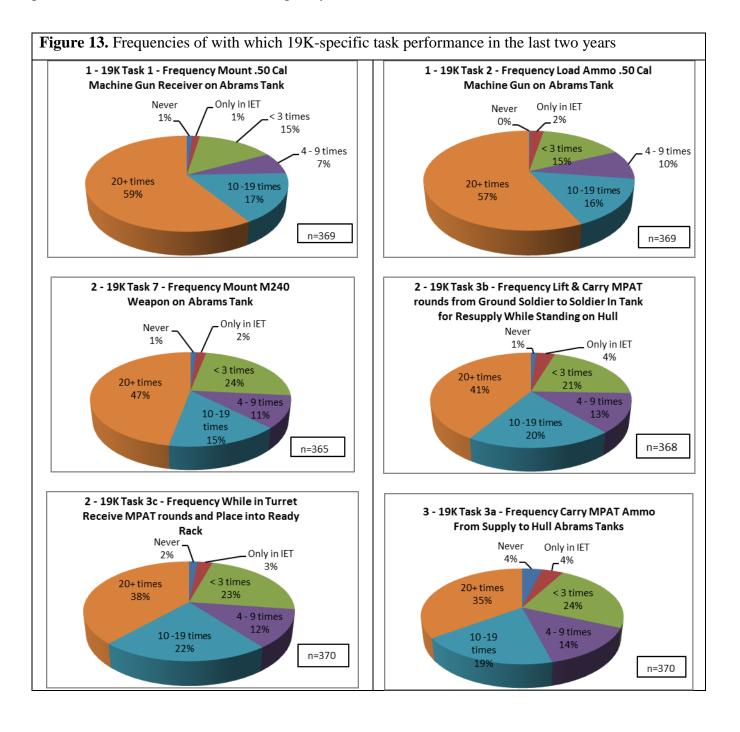
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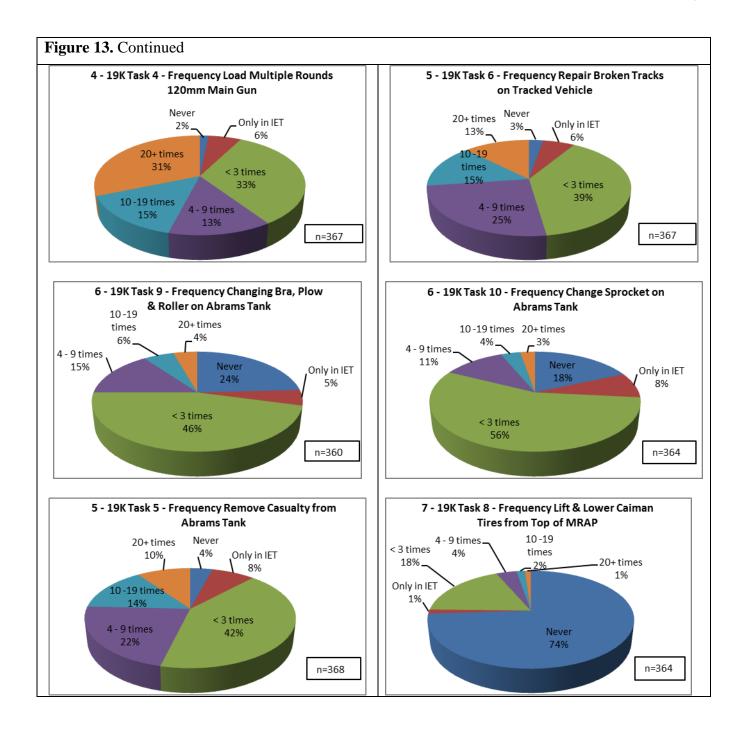
In the following pages, the results are summarized in terms of

- how often each 19K-specific task was performed in the last two years,
- extent to which each 19K-specific task was expected to be performed,
- rated importance of each 19K-specific task,
- rated time each 19K-specific task takes to perform, and
- uniforms worn for each 19K-specific task.

2.1. How Often Each 19K-specific Task Was Performed in the Last Two Years

Tasks with the same ranking numbers (i.e., with the same number on the far left in the chart title) do not significantly differ from each other. So for example, in Figure 13 both the tasks numbered "1" are performed at about the same rate of frequency.





4.2. The Extent to Which Each 19K-specific Task Was Expected to be Performed

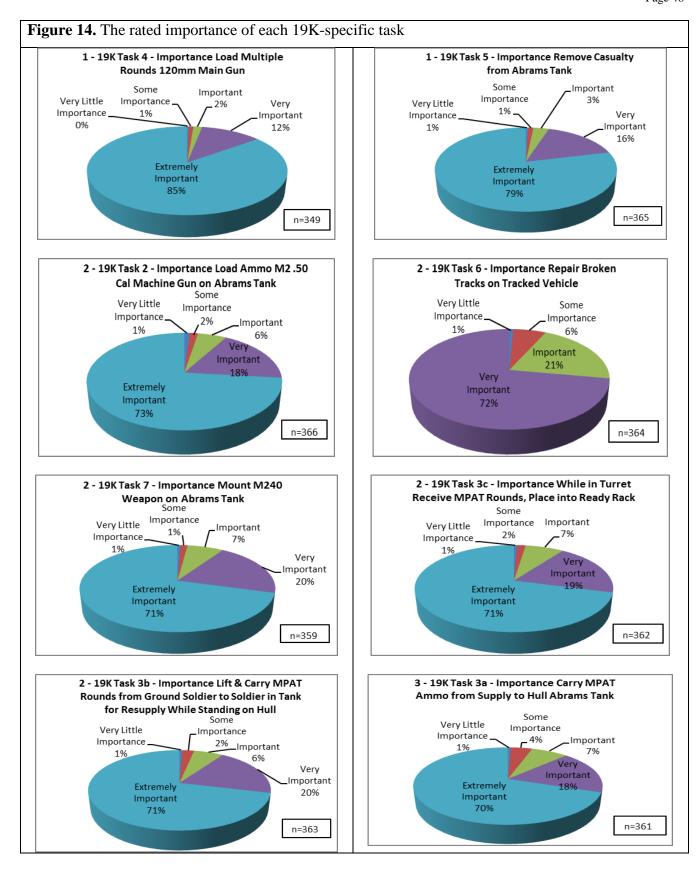
For each of the tasks represented by the 19K-specific JAQ, respondents were asked whether they were expected to complete the task if the situation arises. Table 19 below displays the responses to this question for each of the included tasks.

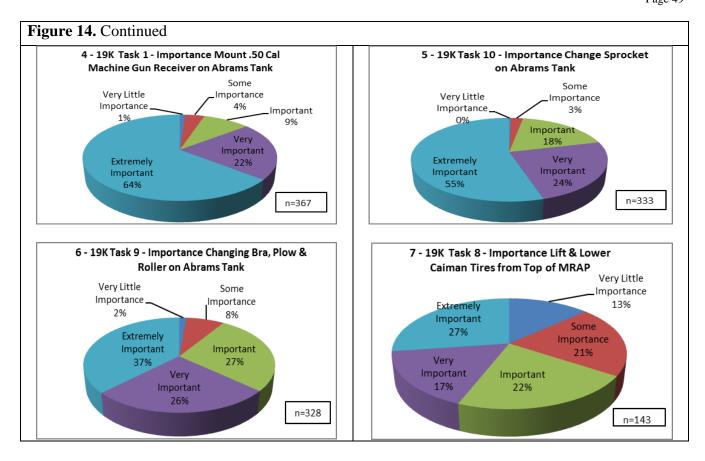
<u>Task¹</u>	Yes, I am expected to perform this task	No, I am not expected to perform this task
1) Repair broken tracks on a tracked vehicle (n=368)	100%	0%
1) While standing on the hull of an Abrams Tank, lift and carry rounds such as MPAT rounds from a Soldier on the ground or HEMTT, and hand it to a Soldier inside the tank for resupply (n=368)	99%	< 1%
1) While standing in the turret of an Abrams Tank, receive rounds (such as MPAT rounds) from a Soldier on the hull and place into the ready rack (n=369)	99%	1%
1) Remove a casualty from an Abrams Tank (n=368)	99%	1%
1) Mount M2 .50 Cal Machine Gun Receiver on an Abrams Tank (n=366)	99%	1%
1) Load ammunition for the M2 .50 Cal Machine Gun on an Abrams Tank (n=364)	99%	1%
1) Mount the M240 weapon on an Abrams tank (n=365)	99%	1%
1) Carry ammunition such as MPAT rounds from a supply point to the hull of an Abrams Tank (n=366)	98%	2%
1) Load multiple rounds in the 120mm Main Gun (n=365)	96%	4%
2) Changing the sprocket on an Abrams Tank (n=361)	93%	7%
2) Changing bra, plow and roller on an Abrams Tank (n=363)	91%	9%
3) Lifting and lowering Caiman Tires from the top of an MRAP (n=358)	38%	62%

¹Tasks with the same ranking numbers (i.e., with the same numbers on the far left of the listed tasks) do not statistically differ from each other.

4.3. The Rated Importance of Each 19K-specific Task

In Figure 14, the tasks with the same ranking numbers (i.e., with the same number on the far left in the chart title) do not significantly differ from each other.





4.4. The Rated Time Each 19K-specific Task Takes to Perform

In Figure 15, tasks with the same ranking numbers (i.e., with the same number on the far left in the chart title) do not significantly differ from each other.

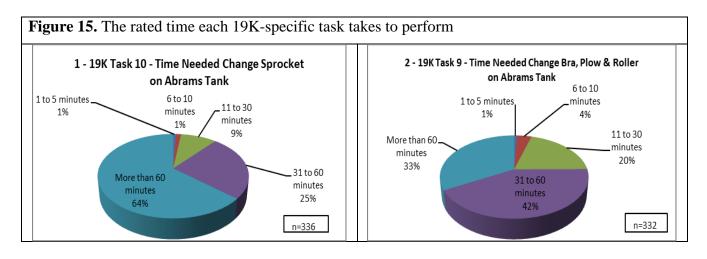
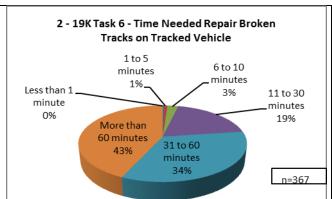
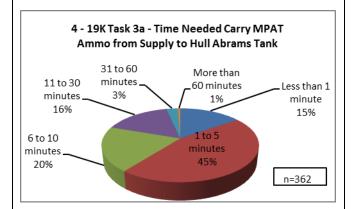
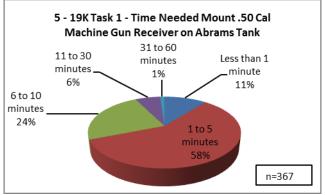


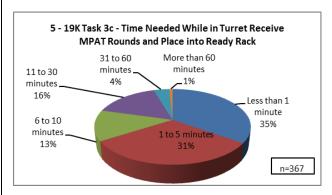
Figure 15. The rated time each 19K-specific task takes to perform

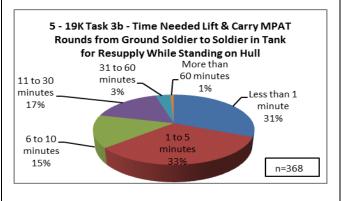


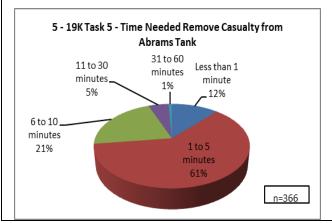




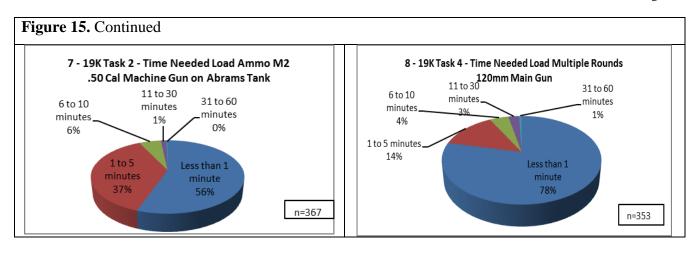












4.5. Uniforms Worn for Each 19K-specific Task

The responses options for these questions in Figure 16 were: 1) Standard Uniform, 2) Standard Uniform with Vest, 3) Fighting Load Minus Weapon, 4) Fighting Load with Weapon, 5) Approach March Load, and 6) Emergency Approach March Load.

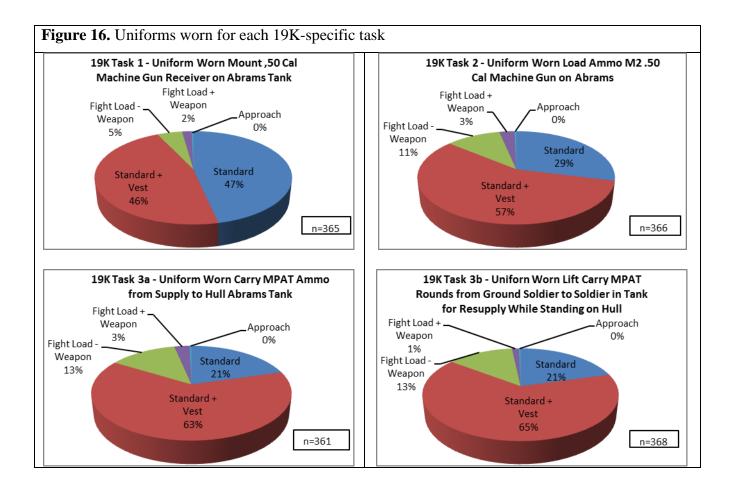
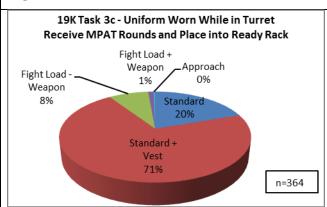
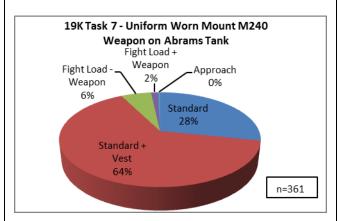
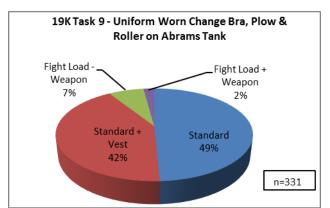


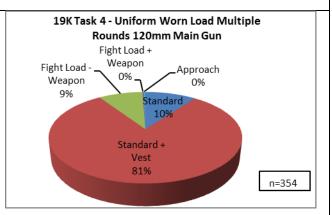
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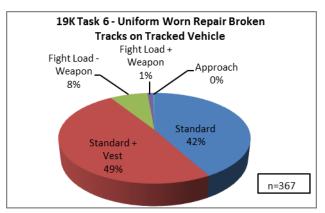


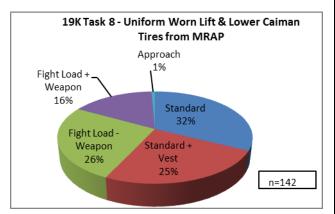


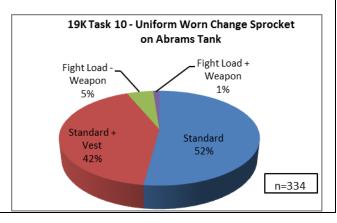










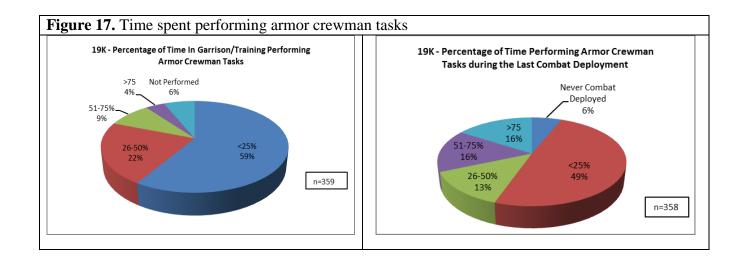


Section 5: 19K-specific Task Supplemental Information

Following is information obtained by a second set of job-related questions on the 19K-specific Task JAQ. These questions were asked to gain a more complete picture of some of the tasks addressed in the previous portions of the questionnaire.

5.1. Time, Quantity and Distance Pertaining to Armor Crewman Tasks

Armor Crewman Tasks. Two questions were asked in this subsection: 1) During a typical week in garrison (or training weekend for AR/NG), what percentage of your time do you spend performing armor crewman tasks (i.e., mounting the M2 .50 cal machine gun, stowing ammunition on an Abrams Tank, loading the 120mm main gun, etc.)? 2) During your last combat deployment, what percentage of your time do you spend performing armor crewman tasks (listed as immediately above)? Figure 17 below displays the responses to these two questions.



Lifting and Carrying Rounds to Load an Abrams Tank. Six questions were asked in this subsection. Two of these questions, using a fixed-response format, asked the following: 1) "How many rounds do you typically carry from a stockpile location and lift up to a Soldier on the hull of an Abrams tank?" 2) "When you carried rounds (such as MPATs) from a stockpile location, how far did you typically carry them?" Figure 18 displays the responses to these two questions.

Four additional questions were asked concerning lifting and carrying rounds to load an Abrams Tank using an open response format. These questions were: 3) When you carried rounds (such as MPATs) from a stockpile location and lifted them up to a Soldier on the hull of an Abrams tank to reload the tank one time, what is the smallest number of rounds you lifted and carried? 4) What is the greatest number of rounds you lifted and carried? 5) When you carried rounds (such as MPATs) from a stockpile location and loaded them on an Abrams Tank, what was the shortest distance you carried them? 6) What was the longest distance you carried them? Tables 20 and 21 summarize the responses to these two questions.

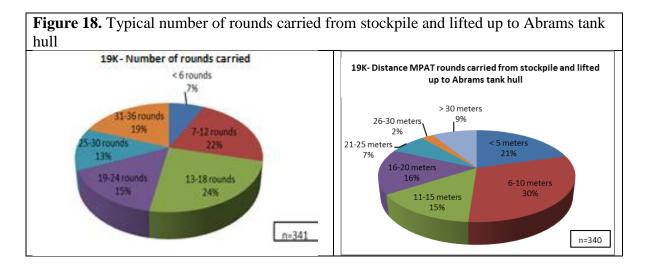


Table 20. Number of rounds lifted and carried to load an Abrams Tank									
Number of Rounds	Mean	Median	Mode	Std Dev					
Smallest number of rounds lifted and carried (n=328)	11.4	5.0	1	57.6					
Greatest number of rounds lifted and carried (n=335)	40.1	24.0	30	89.7					

Table 21. Distance rounds were carried to load an Abrams Tank									
Task Distance (in Yards)MeanMedianModeStd Dev									
Shortest distance carried (n=315)	5.3	5.0	5	8.8					
Longest distance carried (n=332)	35.1	20.0	10	47.6					

Reloading in the Turret of an Abrams Tank. Three questions were asked in this section. The first question, using a fixed-response format, asked: When reloading in the turret of an Abrams Tank, receiving rounds (such as MPAT rounds) from a Soldier on the hull and placing them into the ready rack, how many rounds do you typically handle to reload the tank one time? Figure 19 displays the responses to this question. An additional two questions were asked in this section using an open response format: 2) When reloading in the turret of an Abrams Tank, receiving rounds (such as MPAT rounds) from a Soldier on the hull and placing them into the ready rack, what is the smallest number of rounds you loaded? 3) what is the greatest number of rounds you loaded? Table 22 displays data representing the answers to these two questions.

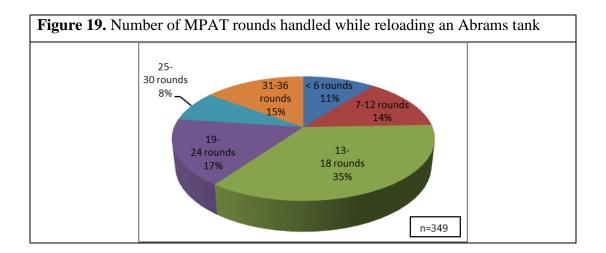
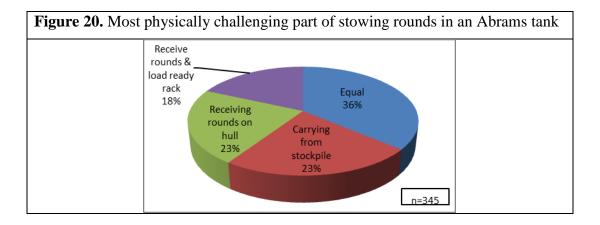


Table 22. Number of MPAT rounds reloaded in the turret of an Abrams Tank									
Number of Rounds	Mean	Median	Mode	Std Dev					
Smallest number of rounds loaded (n=334)	6.2	4.0	1	8.5					
Greatest number of rounds loaded (n=340)	28.3	24.0	18	38.7					

Stowing Rounds on an Abrams Tank. One fixed-response question asked, When stowing rounds on an Abrams Tank, what part of the task do you feel is the most physically challenging? The response options for this question were: 1) No one part is more difficult than the others, 2) Carrying rounds from the stockpile and handing them to the Soldier on the hull, 3) While standing on the hull, receiving rounds

from the Soldier on the ground and handing them to the Soldier in the turret, and 4) While standing in the turret, receiving rounds from the Soldier on the hull and loading them on the ready rack. Figure 20 displays the responses to this question.



Loading the 120mm Main Gun. Three questions were asked in this section. The first question, using a fixed-response format, asked: When loading the 120mm Main Gun, how many rounds do you typically load for one fire command? Figure 21 displays the responses to this question. An additional two questions were asked in this section using an open response format: 2) When loading the 120mm Main Gun for one fire command, what is the smallest number of rounds you loaded? 3) What is the greatest number of rounds you loaded? Table 23 displays data representing the answers to these two questions.

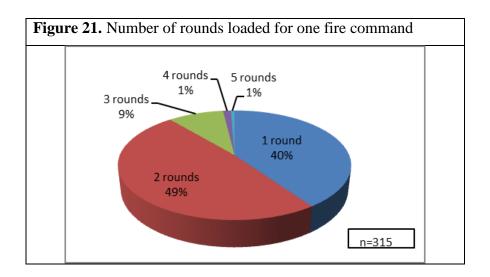


Table 23. Number of rounds loaded in	nto the 120mm main gun for one fire
command	

Number of Rounds	Mean	Median	Mode	Std Dev
Smallest number of rounds loaded (n=302)	1.2	1.0	1	1.8
Greatest number of rounds loaded	3.8	3.0	3	6.0
(n=311)				

Loading the .50 Cal Machine Gun. Three questions were asked in this section. The first question, using a fixed-response format, asked: When loading rounds for the .50 Cal Machine Gun on an Abrams Tank, how many boxes of rounds do you typically load? Figure 22 displays the responses to this question. An additional two questions were asked in this section using an open response format: 2) When loading rounds for the .50 Cal Machine Gun on an Abrams Tank, what is the smallest number of boxes you loaded? 3) What is the greatest number of boxes you loaded? Table 24 displays data representing the answers to these two questions.

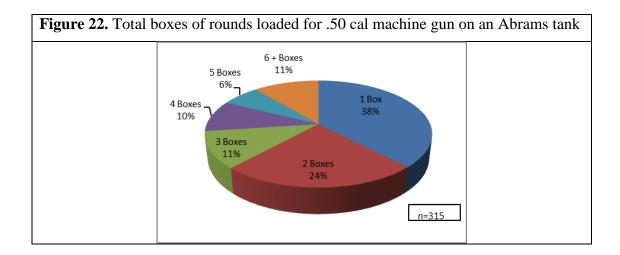
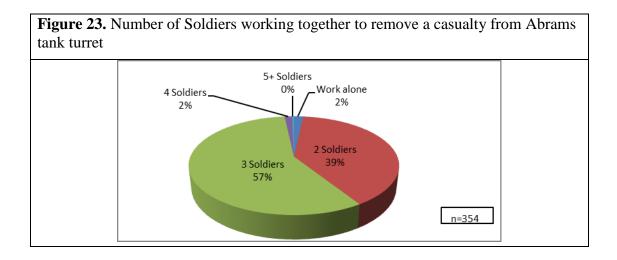


Table 24. Boxes of rounds loaded for the .50 Cal Machine Gun on an Abrams Tank									
Number of Boxes	Mean	Median	Mode	Std Dev					
Smallest number of boxes of rounds loaded (n=319)	4.2	1.0	1	21.2					
Greatest number of boxes of rounds loaded (n=322)	15.0	4.0	2	64.0					

Removing a Casualty Through the Turret of an Abrams Tank. Finally, one fixed-response question asked, "When removing a casualty through the turret of an Abrams Tank, how many Soldiers typically work together to remove the casualty? Figure 23 displays the responses to this question.



Section 6: Contrasting Time Spent Performing Tasks in Garrison and in Deployment Settings 6.1. 19D JAQ

The 19D JAQ had only two items that provided a means to compare time spent conducting jobrelated tasks in garrison settings to time spent conducting similar tasks during combat deployments.

However, these two items each contained seven sub-items addressing specific types of tasks (i.e., seated tasks, less active tasks, loading and unloading supplies and equipment, tactical marches/patrolling, MOSspecific tasks, physically demanding combat arms tasks, and physical training). Soldiers were asked to
provide estimates of the percentages of time they spent performing each of these types of tasks in both
garrison/training and combat settings. Results addressing tasks performed in garrison or training settings
were compared to those pertaining to tasks conducted during combat deployments.

Table 25 displays the results of the comparative analysis. Consistent with expectations, Soldiers in the 19D MOS reported spending a somewhat greater percentage of their time performing MOS-specific tasks during combat deployments (19% more), as compared to garrison and training settings. They also said they spent well over twice as much time (125% more) performing tactical foot marches and walking

patrols during combat deployments. This sample reported spending more time performing seated and less active tasks in garrison and training settings than during deployment but also reported performing more physical readiness training (72% more) in these types of settings.

Table 25. Mean estimates of time spent by 19Ds performing different types of tasks in both garrison or training settings and combat deployments (n=560)

Type of Task	In Garrison or Training	During Combat <u>Deployment</u>	Percentage Trend from Person to Person
Seated tasks (clerical duties, classroom- or computer-based training)	21.0%	7.6%	177% more time in garrison/training settings
Physical Training	17.2%	10.0%	72% more time in garrison/training settings
Less Active Tasks (vehicle maintenance, driving, cleaning, charge of quarters or guard)	14.3%	10.6%	35% more time in garrison/training settings
Loading/Unloading Supplies and Equipment	7.6%	8.8%	17% more time during combat deployments
MOS-specific Tasks (i.e., tasks that only Soldiers in your MOS perform)	14.7%	17.5%	19% more time during combat deployments
Physically Demanding Combat Arms Tasks (i.e., tasks common to many combat arms MOSs)	13.7%	19.5%	42% more time during combat deployments
Tactical marches/patrolling	11.6%	26.0%	125% more time during combat deployments

6.2. 19K Common Task JAQ.

The 19K Common Task JAQ had the same two items and 14 sub-items (7 sub-items for each of the two items) to compare the settings in which tasks were performed (i.e., garrison/training and deployment settings) as did the 19D JAQ. For both garrison/training and deployment settings, Soldiers were asked to provide estimates of the percentages of time they spent conducting each of the following types of tasks: Seated tasks, less active tasks, loading & unloading supplies and equipment, tactical marches/patrolling, MOS-specific tasks, physically demanding combat arms tasks, and physical training. Results addressing tasks performed in garrison or training settings were compared to those pertaining to tasks conducted during combat deployments.

Table 26 displays the results of this comparative analysis. Consistent with the 19D JAQ data, Soldiers in the 19K MOS said they spent far more time (245% more) performing tactical foot marches and walking patrols during combat deployments than they did in garrison and training settings. It appears that this large a difference in foot marches and walking patrols from one type of setting to the other may well be increasing the risk that several of these Soldiers will experience some type of musculoskeletal injury. This sample reported spending far more time performing seated and less active tasks in garrison and training locations than during deployment but they also said they spent more time in these venues performing physical readiness training. Notably, inconsistent with expectations and the results noted from the 19D JAQ data, these Soldiers reported spending a slightly greater percentage of their time performing MOS-specific tasks in garrison or training settings (6% more). However, this result deviates only slightly from the results noted in the 19D data (19% more time spent on MOS-specific tasks during combat deployments) and is based on a much smaller sample (n = 54 respondents in the 19K MOS as contrasted with 560 19D respondents).

6.3. 19K-specific JAQ.

Only two items on the 19K-specific JAQ provide a means to compare time spent conducting job-related tasks in garrison settings to time spent conducting similar tasks during combat deployments. These two items were as follows: Item 74: "During a typical week in garrison (or training weekend for AR/NG), what percentage of your time do you spend performing Armor Crewman tasks (i.e., mounting the M2 .50 cal machine gun, stowing ammunition on an Abrams Tank, loading the 120mm main gun, etc.)?" Item 75: "During your last combat deployment, what percentage of your time did you spend performing Armor Crewman tasks (i.e., mounting the M2 .50 cal machine gun, stowing ammunition on an Abrams Tank, loading the 120mm main gun, etc.)?" Item responses ranged from less than 25% of the time to over 75% of the time.

Responses to these two items indicated that armor crewman tasks were generally performed somewhat more often during combat deployments than in garrison settings. Thirty-eight percent of the

sample indicated that they spent more of their time performing armor crewman tasks during combat deployments than they did in garrison, whereas only 19% responded they spent more time performing armor crewman tasks while in garrison than during their last combat deployment.

Table 26. Mean estimates of time spent by 19Ks performing different types of tasks in both garrison or training settings and combat deployments (n=54)

Type of Task	In Garrison or Training	During Combat <u>Deployment</u>	Percentage Trend from Person to Person
Seated tasks (clerical duties, classroom- or computer-based training)	23.5%	7.7%	206% more time in garrison/training settings
Physical Training	16.8%	9.2%	84% more time in garrison/training settings
Less Active Tasks (vehicle maintenance, driving, cleaning, charge of quarters or guard)	16.2%	13.9%	17% more time in garrison/training settings
MOS-specific Tasks (i.e., tasks that only Soldiers in your MOS perform)	16.3%	15.4%	6% more time in garrison/training settings
Loading/Unloading Supplies and Equipment	6.7%	9.9%	48% more time during combat deployments
Physically Demanding Combat Arms Tasks (i.e., tasks common to many combat arms MOSs)	13.9%	21.2%	53% more time during combat deployments
Tactical marches/patrolling	6.6%	22.9%	245% more time during combat deployments

Section 7: Comparing Subjects Who Had Been Deployed to Those Who Had Not Deployed

Another set of analyses that can be used to obtain understanding concerning differences in performance from one work setting to another is to compare the work performance of Soldiers who had been deployed to those who had not been deployed. Much more information from the three JAQs can be included using this strategy, but this set of analyses is also limited in that nearly all the Soldiers in the three survey samples had been deployed. The results from these analyses are provided, however, because they may be useful to decision and policy makers.

7.1. Common and 19D-specific Task JAQs.

The comparisons of participants who had deployed at least once to those who had not on aspects of the common and 19D-specific tasks (e.g., the likelihood of being expected to perform the tasks if the situation arose, the numbers of times the tasks were performed, their importance to job success, the time to needed to perform them one time, and other supplemental information concerning the tasks) are reported in Tables 27, 28 and 29. Only the statistically significant comparisons are reported in these three tables.

- Completion of four of the 16 tasks was more likely to be expected of subjects who had deployed
 one or more times if the situation arose.
- Completion of none of the 16 tasks was more likely to be expected of subjects who had not deployed.
- Seven of the 16 tasks were reported to have been performed more frequently by respondents who
 had deployed at least once.
- None of the common or 19D-specific tasks had been performed more frequently by non-deployed subjects.
- No significant differences between the two groups were found on the task importance ratings or the reports of time needed to complete the tasks.

Table 27. Others' expectations of subject task completion: Statistically significant chi-squared tests with deployed and non-deployed respondents who completed the common or 19D-specific task JAQ

	<u>Depl</u>	<u>oyed</u>	Non-De	ployed			
<u>Task</u>	<u>Yes</u> (%)	<u>n</u>	<u>Yes</u> (%)	<u>n</u>	Chi- Squared	<u>p</u>	<u>Summary</u>
Throw a hand grenade	96.9	573	88.2	34	6.8	.009	Respondents who deployed were more likely to be expected to perform this task as part of their MOS.
With a group of Soldiers, lift, carry and connect a vehicle tow bar for a Buffalo, BFV or Stryker from a towing vehicle to the disabled vehicle	93.2	574	73.5	34	17.1	<.001	Respondents who deployed were more likely to be expected to perform this task.
With the assistance of another Soldier, remove a spare tire from a HMMWV, roll into place, and lift onto the axle of the disabled vehicle	89.4	576	76.5	34	5.4	.021	Respondents who deployed were more likely to be expected to perform this task.
Manually tighten the lug nuts on a tire with a lug or torque wrench	89.5	569	75.8	33	5.8	.016	Respondents who deployed were more likely to be expected to perform this task.

Table 28. Deployed vs. non-deployed respondents who completed the common or 19D-specific task JAQ: Task frequencies, task importance, time taken for the task, and supplementary task information

		Ξ	<u>Deployed</u>		Non	-Deploye	<u>d</u>		
<u>Item Type</u>	<u>Task</u>	Mean	Mean Rank	<u>n</u>	Mean	Mean Rank	<u>n</u>	2- tailed <u>P</u>	Summary
Frequency	With the assistance of another Soldier, pull a casualty from a commander's seat and through the top hatch of a wheeled vehicle (i.e., BFV or Stryker	2.1	276.1	515	1.6	184.4	27	.002	More frequently done among respondents who had deployed
	Climb over, through, or around barbed wire obstacles	2.5	246.7	461	2.0	172.5	24	.007	More frequently done among respondents who had deployed
	With a group of Soldiers, lift, carry and connect a vehicle tow bar for a Buffalo, BFV or Stryker from a towing vehicle to the disabled vehicle	2.9	296.6	555	2.5	227.2	30	.024	More frequently done among respondents who had deployed
	Jack up a vehicle and remove lug nuts from a flat tire	2.5	301.8	559	1.9	207.2	33	.001	More frequently done among respondents who had deployed
	With the assistance of another Soldier, remove a spare tire from a HMMWV, roll into place, and lift onto the axle of the disabled vehicle	2.3	294.6	548	1.8	208.0	31	.002	More frequently done among respondents who had deployed
	Manually tighten the lug nuts on a tire with a lug or torque wrench	2.5	301.6	559	1.8	184.8	31	<.001	More frequently done among respondents who had deployed
	As part of a group of 4 Soldiers, remove the flat tire from a HMMWV, then roll and lift it into the back of a vehicle	2.2	297.9	555	1.6	188.5	29	<.001	More frequently done among respondents who had deployed

¹ The following item types were found to have no significant differences: Task importance, time to complete

^a Means were not computed for this item because of the response format.

		<u>I</u>	<u>Deployed</u>		<u>Non</u>	-Deploye	<u>d</u>		
<u>Item</u> <u>Type</u>	<u>Task</u>	Mean	Mean Rank	<u>n</u>	Mean	Mean Rank	<u>n</u>	2- tailed <u>p</u>	Summary
Suppleme- ntary	When you performed a dismounted tactical movement, how heavy was the load you usually carried? ^a		278.5	522		180.4	25	.001	More weight was usually carried during dismounted tactical movements by respondents who had deployed.
	How much weight do you usually carry when performing a dismounted tactical movement of 6 miles or more? ^a		279.1	522		168.5	25	<.001	More weight was usually carried during dismounted tactical movements of six miles or more by respondents who had deployed.

The following item types were found to have no significant differences: Task importance, time to complete

^a Means were not computed for this item because of the response format.

Table 29. Deployed vs. non-deployed respondents who completed the common or 19D-specific task JAQ: Supplementary information items with open response formats - Statistically significant t-tests

	<u>D</u>	eployed		Non-	Deploy	<u>ed</u>			
<u>Item</u>	Mean	<u>SD</u>	<u>n</u>	Mean	<u>SD</u>	<u>n</u>	t	2- tailed	<u>Summary</u>
When you performed a dismounted tactical movement, what is the longest distance you moved?	16.3	7.6	510	12.6	6.5	24	2.3	.021	Respondents who deployed had greater maximum distances moved during dismounted tactical movements than respondents who did not
When you performed a dismounted tactical movement, what is the lightest load you carried?	42.1	25.0	516	29.2	13.8	25	2.6	.011	Respondents who deployed had heavier minimum loads carried during dismounted tactical movements than others
When you performed a dismounted tactical movement, what is the heaviest load you carried?	101.4	33.9	515	77.3	22.5	25	3.5	<.001	Respondents who deployed had heavier maximum loads carried during dismounted tactical movements than others
When you performed a dismounted tactical movement of six miles or more, what is the lightest load you carried?	41.4	24.3	509	29.5	13.7	24	2.4	.017	Respondents who deployed had heavier minimum loads carried during dismounted tactical movements of six miles or more than others
When you performed a dismounted tactical movement of six miles or more, what is the heaviest load you carried?	92.8	33.8	509	68.8	20.2	24	3.4	.001	Respondents who deployed had heavier maximum loads carried during dismounted tactical movements of six miles or more than others

7.2. 19K-specific JAQ.

The comparisons of subjects who had deployed at least once to those who had not, on aspects of the 19K-specific tasks, are reported in Tables 30, 31 and 32. Only the statistically significant comparisons are reported in these three tables.

- Completion of three of the 12 19K-specific tasks (i.e., loading ammunition for the M2 .50 Cal
 Machine Gun on an Abrams Tank, changing the bra, plow and roller on an Abrams Tank, and
 lifting and lowering Caiman Tires from the top of an MRAP) if the situation arose were more
 likely to be expected of subjects who had deployed one or more times.
- Completion of none of the 19K-specific tasks was more likely to be expected of subjects who had not deployed.
- Three of the 12 19K-specific tasks (i.e., mounting the M2 .50 Cal Machine Gun on an Abrams
 Tank, changing the sprocket on an Abrams Tank, and lifting and lowering Caiman Tires from the
 top of an MRAP) were reported to have been performed more frequently by respondents who had
 deployed at least once.
- Only one of the 19K-specific tasks (i.e., loading multiple rounds in the 120mm Main Gun) was reported to have been performed more frequently by non-deployed subjects.
- Only two of the 19K-specific tasks (i.e., mounting and loading ammunition for the M2 .50 Cal
 Machine Gun on an Abrams Tank) were rated as more important to job success by those who had
 deployed, and none were rated as more important by non-deployed participants.
- Respondents who had not deployed rated two 19K-specific tasks as taking more time to perform than did respondents who deployed. These tasks were: 1) lifting and lowering Caiman Tires from the top of an MRAP, and 2) while standing on the hull of an Abrams Tank, lifting and carrying rounds such as MPAT rounds from a Soldier on the ground or HEMTT, and handing them to a Soldier inside the tank for resupply. This may be related to the need to perform these tasks more quickly in combat deployment settings, as well as the benefits of repeated practice.

Table 30. Others' expectations of subject task completion: statistically significant chi-squared tests with deployed and non-deployed respondents who completed the 19K-specific JAQ

	<u>Deployed</u>		Non-Deploy	<u>ved</u>			
<u>Task</u>	Percentage Yes	<u>n</u>	Percentage <u>Yes</u>	<u>n</u>	Chi- Squared	<u>p</u>	<u>Summary</u>
Load ammunition for the M2 .50 Cal Machine Gun on an Abrams Tank	99.7%	342	90.9%	22	19.6	<.001	Respondents who deployed were more likely to be expected to load ammunition for the M2 .50 Cal Machine Gun
Lift and lower Caiman Tires from the top of an MRAP	39.8%	337	14.3%	21	5.4	.020	Respondents who deployed were more likely to be expected to perform this task
Changing the bra, plow and roller on an Abrams Tank	92.4%	342	71.4%	21	10.8	.001	Respondents who deployed were more likely to be expected to perform this task

Table 31. Deployed vs. non-deployed respondents who completed the 19K-specific JAQ: Task frequencies, task importance, time taken for the task, and supplementary task information

		Deployed			Non-Deployed				
<u>Item</u> <u>Type</u>	<u>Task</u>	Mean	Mean Rank	<u>n</u>	Mean	Mean Rank	<u>n</u>	2- tailed	<u>Summary</u>
Frequen- cy	Mount M2 .50 Cal Machine Gun on an Abrams Tank	4.2	185.0	344	3.6	139.5	20	.033	More frequently done among respondents who had deployed
	Load multiple rounds in the 120mm Main Gun	3.4	170.0	326	4.1	224.5	19	.015	More frequently done among respondents who had <u>not</u> deployed
	Lift and lower Caiman Tires from the top of an MRAP	1.3	182.8	338	1.0	135.0	21	.007	More frequently done among respondents who had deployed
	Changing the sprocket on an Abrams Tank	2.2	171.3	317	1.5	96.8	17	<.001	More frequently done among respondents who had deployed
Importa- nce	Mount M2 .50 Cal Machine Gun on an Abrams Tank	4.5	187.6	345	3.9	128.0	22	.003	Respondents who had deployed ranked this task as more important than respondents who had not
	Load ammunition for the M2 .50 Cal Machine Gun on an Abrams Tank	4.6	185.7	346	4.2	145.2	20	.032	Respondents who had deployed ranked this task as more important than respondents who had not
Time	While standing on the hull of an Abrams Tank, lift and carry rounds such as MPAT rounds from a Soldier on the ground or HEMTT, and hand it to a Soldier inside the tank for resupply	2.3	181.8	346	2.9	227.5	22	.042	Respondents who had <i>not</i> deployed ranked this task as taking more time to perform than respondents who had
	Lift and lower Caiman Tires from the top of an MRAP	4.5	71.0	140	7.0	118.0	3	.044	Respondents who had <i>not</i> deployed ranked this task as taking more time to perform than did respondents who had

Table 31. Continued									
		Deployed			Non-Deployed				
<u>Item</u> <u>Type</u>	<u>Task</u>	Mean	Mean Rank	<u>n</u>	Mean	Mean Rank	<u>n</u>	2- tailed	<u>Summary</u>
Supplem- entary	When loading rounds for the .50 Cal Machine Gun on an Abrams Tank, how many boxes of rounds do you typically load?	3.6	165.3	308	2.7	120.5	17	.047	Respondents who had deployed loaded more boxes of rounds for the .50 Cal Machine Gun than those who had not

Table 32. Deployed vs. non-deployed respondents who completed the 19K-specific JAQ: Supplementary

information items with open response formats - Statistically significant t-tests

	Deployed			Non-Deployed					
<u>Item</u>	Mean	<u>SD</u>	<u>n</u>	Mean	<u>SD</u>	<u>n</u>	<u>t</u>	2-tailed <u>p</u>	<u>Summary</u>
When loading rounds for the .50 Cal Machine Gun on an Abrams Tank, how many boxes of rounds do you typically load?	3.6; 165.3		308	2.7; 120.5		17	.04	Responde nts who had deployed loaded more boxes of rounds for the .50 Cal Machine Gun than those who had not	When loading rounds for the .50 Cal Machine Gun on an Abrams Tank, how many boxes of rounds do you typically load?
When loading the 120mm Main Gun for one fire command, what is the smallest number of rounds you loaded?	1.1	0.3	280	1.2	0.7	19	-2.1	.037	Respondents who had <u>not</u> deployed loaded a greater minimum number of rounds for one fire command than those who had
When loading rounds for the .50 Cal Machine Gun on an Abrams Tank, what is the smallest number of boxes you loaded?	1.4	1.1	295	1.0	0.0	16	5.5	<.001	Respondents who had deployed loaded a greater minimum number of ammo boxes for the .50 Cal Machine Gun than those who had not

Section 8: The Effect of Task Completion Expectations on Task Performance Frequency

Task expectations were strongly related to the frequency with which the tasks in this study was performed. Task performance expectations were associated with more frequent performance for 21 of the 28 tasks represented in the three JAQs administered in this study, and for all 16 of the tasks represented in the common and 19D-specific JAQs. These analyses are summarized in Table 33.

Table 33. The effects of task completion expectations on task performance frequency: all three JAQs (i.e., the common, 19D-specific and 19K-specific JAQs)

	<u>Task</u>	Cramer's <u>V</u> ^{a,b}	Range of Cramer's V	Summary
Common and 19D-specific (3 highest Cramer's V's)	While seated, remove and lift/lower the M242 Feeder assembly from the 25mm gun on a BFV during maintenance and/or remedial action misfire procedures (n = 477)	.64		
	Lift and carry ammunition cans from the supply point (e.g. ammunition center or truck) to the back of a BFV $(n = 511)$.58		
	With assistance from another Soldier, lift, carry, and install the barrel of a 25mm gun onto a BFV (n = 484)	.58		
	^a All <i>p</i> 's for the task analyses represented in the top half of this table (i.e., for all 16 common and 19D-specific tasks) are significant at the .001 level.		.2764	Each of the common and 19D-specific tasks was likely to be performed more frequently by a Soldier when the Soldier said he was expected to perform that task when the situation arose. This relationship was strongest in the three common tasks listed above.
19K-specific (3 highest Cramer's V's)	Lift and lower Caiman tires from the top of an MRAP (n = 353)	.42		
	Change the sprocket on an Abrams Tank (n = 331)	.36		
	Carry ammunition such as MPAT rounds from a supply point to the hull of an Abrams Tank (n = 351)	.35		

Table 33. Con	tinued <u>Task</u>	Cramer's <u>V</u> ^{a,b}	Range of Cramer's V	<u>Summary</u>
19K-specific (continued)	b The <i>p</i> 's for 5 of the 12 task analyses represented in the bottom half of this table (i.e., for 5 of the 12 19K-specific tasks) are significant at the .001 level. The <i>p</i> 's for the remaining 7 task analyses represented in this portion of the table are non-significant at the .05 level.		.0442	Five of the 12 19K-specific tasks were likely to be performed more frequently by a Soldier when the Soldier said he was expected to perform that task when the situation arose. This relationship was strongest in the three 19K-specific tasks listed above.

Section 9: The Number of Tasks Performed in the Last Two Years

Based on these survey results, a significant percentage of both cavalry scouts and armor crewmen had not once in the last two years performed some of the tasks addressed -- not even in their initial entry training. For example, 55% of the cavalry scouts said they had not in the last two years loaded TOW-2B aero missiles into a BFV-mounted TOW weapon system – the only 19D-specific task represented in the questionnaire. Twenty-one percent of these cavalry scouts reported not using a shovel or entrenching tool to fill sandbags for a fighting position in the last two years, and 10% said they had not quickly lifted and dragged a casualty to safety during the same time period. Ten percent of the armor crewmen said they had not, in the last two years, removed a casualty from an Abrams Tank. Thirty-one percent of the crewmen said they had not, in the last two years, changed the bra, plow and roller on an Abrams Tank, and 27% reported not changing the sprocket on an Abrams over the same time period. Finally, considering both cavalry scouts and armor crewmen, 12 of these Soldiers (i.e., 2.0% of the 614 participants who responded to this question) said they had not performed a dismounted foot march or tactical movement even once in the last two years. The graphs of task performance frequencies in Results Sections 2 and 4 display the data indicating how often each common and job-specific task was done (and not done) in the two years prior to the surveys. However, a notable statistic that these graphs don't show is the total number of these tasks that were performed (and not performed) by respondents in the two prior years.

For each of the three JAQs administered in this study, we conducted an analysis of the number of tasks represented by the survey that each of the respondents performed. Tables 34 through 36 display the numbers of both common and MOS-specific tasks reported to be performed by cannon crewmembers and fire support specialists in the last two years.

Table 34. The number of common and 19D-specific tasks performed by cavalry scouts in the last two years

Number of Tasks	Number of Respondents	Percentage	Cumulative Percentage
0	5	0.9	0.9
1	8	1.4	2.3
2	5	0.9	3.2
3	6	1.1	4.3
4	6	1.1	5.4
5	10	1.8	7.1
6	9	1.6	8.8
7	15	2.7	11.4
8	18	3.2	14.6
9	42	7.5	22.1
10	41	7.3	29.5
11	55	9.8	39.3
12	70	12.5	51.8
13	47	8.4	60.2
14	47	8.4	68.6
15	56	10.0	78.6
16	120	21.4	100
Total	560	100	

Table 35. The number of 19K-specific tasks performed by armor crewmen in the last two years

Number of Tasks	Number of Respondents	<u>Percentage</u>	Cumulative Percentage
0	2	0.5	0.5
1	1	0.3	0.8
2	1	0.3	1.1
3	2	0.5	1.6
4	1	0.3	1.9
5	4	1.1	3.0
6	6	1.6	4.6
7	8	2.2	6.8
8	15	4.1	10.8
9	38	10.3	21.1
10	80	21.6	42.7
11	152	41.1	83.8
12	60	16.2	100
Total	370	100	

Table 36. The number	Table 36. The number of common tasks performed by armor crewmen in the last two years						
Number of Tasks	Number of Respondents	Percentage	Cumulative Percentage				
5	2	3.7	3.7				
6	4	7.4	11.1				
7	4	7.4	18.5				
8	3	5.6	24.1				
9	10	18.5	42.6				
10	7	13.0	55.6				
11	13	24.1	79.6				
12	10	18.5	98.1				
13	1	1.9	100				
14	0	0	100				
15	0	0	100				
Total	54	100					

Table 34 indicates that over 20% of the cavalry scouts completing the 19D-specific JAQ (i.e., 22.1%) performed only nine or fewer of the 16 common and MOS-specific tasks represented by the questionnaire. Further, referring to Tables 35 and 36, over 10% of the armor crewmen completing the 19K-specific JAQ (i.e., 10.8%) performed only eight or fewer of the 12 job-specific tasks represented by that survey, and well over half the armor crewmen completing the Common Task JAQ (i.e., 55.6%) performed only 10 or fewer of the 15 common tasks represented by that questionnaire. Thus it appears that among both cavalry scouts and armor crewmen, a large percentage of the respondents have not even once in the last two years performed many of the tasks represented in the JAQs administered in this study.

Section 10: Deployed Soldiers Who Performed MOS-specific Tasks in the Field but Not in Garrison

A number of cavalry scouts and armor crewmen who had deployed at least once said that they had performed MOS-specific tasks in the field *but not in garrison*. Among the 526 cavalry scouts who said they had deployed, 23 of them (4.4% of these deployed respondents) reported spending time performing

MOS-specific tasks during combat deployments but not in a garrison setting. Four of these 23 respondents said they had performed MOS-specific tasks 30% of the time during their last deployment. Table 37 displays a summary of the amounts of time spent by these respondents performing MOS-specific tasks during combat deployments.

Table 37. Percentage of time spent performing MOS-specific tasks during combat deployments by cavalry scouts who had not performed these tasks in garrison Median Mean Mode Std Dev Percentage of time spent (n=23) 10 5 13.6 9.7

Among the 335 armor crewmen who said they had deployed in two questions on the 19K-specific JAQ, 6 of them (1.8% of these deployed respondents) reported spending time performing MOS-specific tasks during their last combat deployment but not in a garrison setting. Four of these six respondents said they had performed MOS-specific tasks over 75% of the time during their last deployment. Another 12 reported spending less than 25% of their time performing MOS-specific tasks during their last combat deployment, but no time performing these tasks in garrison. A response of less than 25% for this question could equate to zero and thus, it is uncertain how much time these respondents actually spent performing MOS-specific tasks during their last combat deployment. Table 38 displays the amounts of time these respondents said they spent performing MOS-specific tasks during their last combat deployment.

Table 38. Percentage of time spent performing MOS-specific tasks during their last combat deployment by armor crewmen who had not performed these tasks in garrison

Percentage of Time Spent ¹	Number of Respondents	<u>Percentage</u>
Less than 25%	12	66.7
26 – 50%	2	11.1
Over 75%	4	22.2
Total	18	100

¹ 15.4% percent of 335 deployed armor crewmen are represented in this table

Section 11: Comparisons of JAQ Ratings to Judgments of Subject Matter Experts

As part of the larger study conducted with TRADOC to develop physical performance standards for the Army's most physically demanding jobs, researchers from USARIEM obtained information on the critical tasks performed by cavalry scouts and armor crewmen from 20 subject matter experts (SMEs). These SMEs had served in several capacities in relation to the MOSs being addressed (e.g., officers, warrant officers or non-commissioned officers in the MOS for at least 12 of the past 24 months and deployed within the past 24 to 36 months; some also serving as battalion- and/or company-level leaders).

11.1. Comparing the Ratings of SMEs and Cavalry Scouts.

When asked to identify the critical physically-demanding tasks of the calvary scout MOS, the 20 SMEs selected the following tasks:

- Performing a dismounted tactical movement
- Dragging a casualty to a safe location
- Evacuating a casualty from the top of a vehicle
- Using a hand grenade
- Filling and carrying sandbags to prepare a fighting position
- Removing a feeder assembly from a BFV
- Loading ammunition cans onto a BFV
- Loading a TOW missile launcher onto a BFV

Similarities and differences (i.e., mixed results) were noted between the tasks selected as critical by the SMEs and those rated as highly important by the cavalry scouts completing the JAQ. Response options for the importance scale items on each of the JAQs administered in this study (for both cavalry scouts and armor crewmen) ranged from 1 ("of little importance") to 5 ("extremely important"). A rating of "4" was labeled on the JAQ as "very important;" and thus a mean of at least "4" was used as the

criterion indicating an agreement between the job incumbents and SMEs that a job task was "critical," or highly important. Of the tasks selected by the SMEs, those also rated highly in importance on the 19D JAQ were performing a dismounted tactical movement (mean = 4.59), evacuating a casualty from the top of a vehicle (mean = 4.23), removing a feeder assembly from a BFV (mean = 4.21), loading a TOW missile launcher onto a BFV (mean = 4.10), and dragging a casualty to a safe location (mean of 4.01).

Four tasks selected as critical by the SMEs were not rated as highly in importance by the JAQ respondents. These were filling and carrying sandbags to prepare a fighting position (means = 3.43 for filling and 3.50 for carrying), using a hand grenade (mean = 3.77), and loading ammunition cans onto a BFV (mean = 3.92). Carrying and connecting a vehicle tow bar for a Buffalo, BFV or Stryker from a towing vehicle to a disabled vehicle was rated highly in importance on the JAQ (mean = 4.02) but not selected as critical by the SMEs.

11.2. Comparing the Ratings of SMEs and Armor Crewmen.

The 20 SMEs selected the following common and MOS-specific tasks when asked to identify the critical physically-demanding tasks performed by armor crewmen:

- Performing a dismounted tactical movement
- Dragging a casualty to a safe location
- Evacuating a casualty from the top of a vehicle
- Using a hand grenade
- Filling and carrying sandbags to prepare a fighting position
- Removing a feeder assembly from a BFV
- Loading ammunition cans onto a BFV
- Mounting the M2 .50 Cal Machine Gun on an Abrams Tank
- Loading the 120mm Main Gun
- Removing a casualty from an Abrams Tank

• Stowing ammunition on an Abrams Tank

Concerning stowing ammunition on an Abrams Tank, the JAQ included four component subtasks of this duty – all of which were considered rated "critical" by the SMEs based on their ratings of the ammunition stowing task. These four subtasks were:

- Loading ammunition for the M2 .50 Cal Machine Gun on an Abrams Tank
- Carrying ammunition such as MPAT rounds from a supply point to the hull of an Abrams Tank
- Carrying rounds such as MPAT rounds from a Soldier on the ground or HEMTT and handing them to a Soldier inside the tank for resupply (while standing on the hull)
- Receiving rounds such as MPAT rounds from a Soldier on the hull of an Abrams Tank and placing them into the ready rack (while standing in the turret)

Similarities and differences were noted between the tasks selected as critical by the SMEs and those rated as highly important by the armor crewmen completing either or both the Common Task or 19K-specific JAQ. Of the tasks rated as critical by the SMEs, those also rated highly in importance on the JAQ were the following (in decending order of rated importance): Loading the 120mm main gun (mean = 4.81), removing a casualty from an Abrams Tank (mean = 4.72), loading ammo for the M2 .50 Cal Machine Gun on an Abrams (mean = 4.61), receiving rounds from a Soldier on the hull of an Abrams and placing them in the ready rack (mean = 4.58), carrying rounds from a Soldier on the ground or HEMTT and handing them to a Soldier inside the tank (mean = 4.58), carrying ammo from a supply point to the hull of an Abrams (mean = 4.52), mounting an M2 .50 Cal Machine Gun Receiver on an Abrams (mean = 4.44), dragging a casualty to a safe location (mean = 4.32), and evacuating a casualty from the top of a vehicle (mean = 4.21).

Four tasks selected as critical by the SMEs were not rated as highly in importance by the JAQ respondents. These tasks were filling and carrying sandbags to prepare a fighting position (means = 2.95 for filling and 3.11 for carrying), using a hand grenade (mean = 3.12), and performing a dismounted

tactical movement (mean = 3.53). Carrying and connecting a vehicle tow bar for a Buffalo, BFV or Stryker from a towing vehicle to a disabled vehicle was rated highly in importance on the JAQ (mean = 4.09) but not selected as critical by the SME's. And finally, two other tasks selected as critical by the SME's were not rated by enough crewmen to draw a conclusion about how armor crewmen in the Army evaluate the importance of these tasks to job success. These tasks were removing a feeder assembly from a BFV and loading ammunition cans onto a BFV (n's of 2 and 9 respectively).

11.3. Summary Comments Concerning the Rating Comparisons.

When comparing task importance ratings of the JAQ respondents to those tasks rated as critical by subject matter experts (i.e., those developing doctrine and training programs for the cavalry scout and armor crewman MOSs), it is important to note that respondents to the questionnaire were specifically instructed that not all tasks can be extremely important. Nonetheless, there appears to be at least a fair amount of disagreement between 19 Series Soldiers (i.e., cavalry scouts and armor crewmen) and subject matter experts concerning what tasks are highly important to success in their MOSs. Several tasks identified as critical by the SMEs (e.g., filling and carrying sandbags, throwing hand grenades, and even performing a dismounted tactical movement) were not rated as highly in importance by calvary scouts and/or armor crewmen on the JAQ. In addition, one of the common tasks rated as highly important by both calvary scouts and armor crewmen was not selected as a critical task by the SMEs. These findings may be an indicator that one or both of these jobs (i.e., the cavalry scout and/or armor crewman job) may have changed to some extent, and this may have implications for the preparation, training and equipping of Soldiers. Further, there may be job tasks or aspects of the ways these jobs are currently performed that were not considered by the SMEs.

Section 12: Comments Provided on the JAQ

Part of the purpose of this research investigation was to ascertain if there are any physically demanding jobs performed by cavalry scouts or armor crewmen that we failed to identify. Thus, study

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participants were asked to respond to the following item at the end of the JAQ: "If this survey has omitted physically demanding tasks that you believe all combat arms Soldiers should be capable of performing, please identify and explain these tasks in the space provided below. Please list any tasks you think are physically hard to perform and important." For a response to be considered as valid, it must have mentioned a specific task or tasks that was not or were not mentioned on the JAQ. Otherwise it was considered as irrelevant. Valid responses were collected from 154 cavalry scouts and 183 armor crewmen. The following would be considered as examples of irrelevant responses: "None," "N/A," "Can't think of anything," comments addressing non-task related issues, and comments providing personal opinions of the questionnaire as a whole.

12..1 Comments Provided by Cavalry Scouts (19Ds).

The following two broad task areas were frequently mentioned by cavalry scouts: 1)

Mounting/dismounting, loading/unloading, and transporting equipment and ammunition that were not mentioned (e.g., LRAS3, various crew-served weapons, missile launchers, IED detection and disable equipment, and grenade launchers), sometimes to observational point positions, and 2) navigating and sprinting through obstacles (e.g., climbing over walls, navigating or sprinting across rugged terrain, and climbing up ropes and ladders) in full fighting load, while carrying equipment such as crew-served weapons. Further, many respondents in the 19D MOS believed that one of the tasks statements mentioned in the survey did not provide a good representation of what actually occurs. Specifically, one task statement in the JAQ reads, "Lift and drag a casualty to a safe location as quickly as possible." Many cavalry scouts specified that in addition to or instead of dragging casualties, they frequently have to carry them on litters. Finally, the JAQ referred to the M242 Bushmaster and cavalry scouts mentioned other tasks they perform that are associated with the M242 (e.g., removing, installing, and loading the M242, removing the receiver). Table 39 displays more information concerning the JAQ comments associated with the 19D MOS.

Three broad task areas were frequently mentioned by armor crewmen. These were: 1) Performing manual track maintenance on tracked vehicles (e.g., replacing sections and entire sides of the track, replacing track pads, and replacing a track support chain) and transporting the materials necessary to perform these tasks, 2) installing, removing and transporting tracked vehicle road wheels, and 3) tracked vehicle engine service and maintenance tasks (e.g., checking oil levels, servicing the breech, and servicing v-packs). Additionally, the JAQ contained a task statement which read, "Repair broken tracks on a tracked vehicle (i.e., an Abrams Tank)." Several armor crewmen elaborated on this, reporting that this process of repair is made more physically demanding by the requirement of manually transporting the necessary materials. Table 40 displays more information concerning the JAQ comments associated with the 19K MOS.

Table 39. Summary of comments provided on the JAQ completed by cavalry scouts				
Topic Addressed	Number of Comments (Not all represented)			
Mounting/Dismounting, loading/unloading, and transporting equipment and ammunition not mentioned (e.g., M2 .50 cal, MK19, MK48, THORs)	41			
Navigating and sprinting in full fighting gear while carrying equipment	30			
Long-Range Advanced Scout Surveillance System (LRAS3)	22			
Lifting a casualty on a litter	20			
Dismounted tactical movements while carrying equipment $(Addressed\ in\ the\ JAQ)$	10			
M242 Bushmaster (Addressed in the JAQ)	10			
Shooting accurately under stressful scenarios	9			
Maintenance and loading tactical fighting vehicles	9			
Casualty evacuation from tactical fighting vehicles in full fighting gear $(Addressed\ in\ the\ JAQ)$	7			
Performing combatives against enemies	4			
Airborne-related operations	4			
Combat patrolling	4			
Manually traversing the turret	2			
All Valid Comments	172			
34 "irrelevant" responses				

Topic Addressed	Number of Comments (Not all represented)
Installing, removing and transporting road wheels	74
Manual tank track maintenance, and transporting materials $(Addressed\ in\ JAQ)$	70
Engine service and maintenance tasks	31
Installing and removing suspension parts (i.e., torsion bars, idler arms, tension arms)	17
Preparing the tank for recovery/tow operations and properly using the tow bar	15
Servicing the breech block	14
Cleaning the main gun ("punching the gun tube")	14
Installing, removing and transporting batteries from battery box	11
Properly using a sledgehammer and tanker bar to reinstall end connectors on tracked vehicles	10
Loading the bustle rack with equipment and personal items	10
Mounting and dismounting from the tank in full fighting load	б
Installing and removing seats inside the tank (driver, gunner, loader)	4
Washing and cleaning the tank	2
Manually traversing the turret	2
All Valid Comments	280

Discussion

The purpose of this survey project was to gather various types of job-related information pertaining to the Army cavalry scout and armor crewman positions (MOSs 19D and 19K) from job incumbents. This information will be used to develop physical performance standards for these positions, with a view toward identifying and implementing two sets of proxy assessment tools (one for each MOS) that are effective in predicting performance on a subset of the tasks performed by cavalry scouts and armor crewmen.

Most Frequently Performed and Most Important Tasks

The tasks reported by these JAQ respondents as the most frequently performed, and those that were rated as most important, are specified in this report. The most frequently performed tasks were conducting dismounted foot marches and tactical movements, lifting and dragging casualties to safe locations as quickly as possible, loading M2 .50 Cal Machine Gun ammunition on an Abrams Tank, and mounting the M240 weapon on the Abrams. Tasks rated as more important to success in the cavalry scout and armor crewman positions were conducting dismounted foot marches and tactical movements, loading M2 .50 Cal Machine Gun ammo on the Abrams, mounting the M240 on the Abrams, and repairing broken tracks on a tracked vehicle.

The tasks rated as most important to job success are to a large extent those reported as the most frequently performed. However, for both the cavalry scout and armor crewman positions, certain tasks were indicated by the data as being more important but less frequently done. For cavalry scouts, these tasks were: 1) with the assistance of another Soldier, pulling a casualty from a commander's seat and through the top hatch of a wheeled vehicle (i.e., BFV or Stryker), and 2) loading TOW-2B Aero Missiles into a BFV Mounted TOW Weapon System. For armor crewmen, these tasks were: 1) loading multiple rounds in the 120mm Main Gun, and 2) removing a casualty from an Abrams Tank (Mounted). The data also highlighted one task for each of the two MOSs that respondents reported were less important but

more frequently done. For cavalry scouts, this task was using a shovel or entrenching tool to fill sand bags when preparing a fighting position. For armor crewmen, this task was mounting the M2 .50 Cal Machine Gun Receiver on an Abrams Tank.

Comparing Task Performance in Garrison and Combat Settings

It appears there are several important tasks inherent to the cavalry scout and armor crewman MOSs that are, as a whole, performed more often during combat deployments than in garrison or training settings. For example, cavalry scouts reported that while they spent over 25% of their time conducting tactical marches and patrols during combat deployments, they spent less than half that time conducting foot marches and patrols in garrision and training settings. This result was even more pronounced among armor crewmen: 19Ks reported spending less than 30% of the time conducting tactical marches and patrols in garrision and training settings than they did during combat deployments. Further, cavalry scouts reported performing MOS-specific tasks nearly 20% more often during combat deployments. Thirty-eight percent of the armor crewmen reported spending more time performing MOS-specific tasks during combat deployments, whereas only 19% reported spending more time performing these types of tasks in garrison or training settings. These findings are underscored by comparing the task performance of respondents who had deployed to that of respondents who had not. Those who had deployed reported more often pulling casualties from commander's seats through the tops of vehicles (rated as one of the most important common tasks), loading multiple rounds into the 120mm Main Gun (rated as one of the most important 19K-specific tasks), and mounting an M2 .50 Cal Machine Gun on an Abrams Tank. They also indicated carrying more weight during dismounted tactical movements – an average of nearly 25% more weight than their counterparts who had not deployed. It is possible there are specific training strategies that account for most or all of these differences in task emphasis across settings (e.g., the findings pertaining to dismounted tactical movements and patrols across settings may reflect a desire on the part of trainers not to overly strain or injure troops by high amounts of exceedingly-demanding physical work in settings other than combat). However, these differences highlight a potential need to

review training programs focused on preparing Soldiers in cavalry scout and armor crewman positions for performance in combat theaters.

<u>Performance Expectations and Task Performance</u>

Expectations of task completion were found to be strongly associated with how often Soldiers performed the tasks represented in this study. Most of the tasks on the three JAQs, including all of the common tasks, were performed more often by Soldiers when they knew they were expected to perform the task when the situation arises.

Results indicated that for each task, there was a small to significant percentage of Soldiers who did not believe they were expected to perform the task when needed. Perhaps for some of these Soldiers, there are good reasons to believe that one or more of the tasks represented by the survey(s) they completed for this study are not part of their jobs. However, the belief these Soldiers have that they are not expected to complete certain specific tasks when the situation arises may well reflect on the training they receive.

The Number of Tasks Performed

Based on these survey results, a significant percentage of both cavalry scouts and armor crewmen had not once in the last two years performed some of the tasks addressed -- not even in their initial entry training. For example, 55% of the 19Ds said they had not in the last two years loaded TOW-2B Aero Missiles into a BFV Mounted TOW Weapon System, and 38% said they had not ever with assistance pulled a casualty from a commander's seat and through the top hatch of a wheeled vehicle during the same time period (despite the fact that this latter task was rated one of the most important tasks to job success). Thirty-nine percent said they had not with assistance installed the barrel of a 25mm gun onto a BFV within the two-year timeframe. Of the 19Ks, 10% said they had not removed a casualty from an Abrams Tank in the last two years, and 7% said they had not repaired broken tracks on a tracked vehicle over the same time period. Further, considering both cavalry scouts and armor crewmen, 12 of these Soldiers (i.e., 2.0% of the 614 participants who responded to this question) said they had not performed a

dismounted foot march or tactical movement even once in the last two years. Perhaps these latter respondents were on medical restrictions [i.e., "profiles"] when their units conducted movements of this type – it seems highly unlikely that their units would not have conducted a dismounted foot march or tactical movement even once over an entire two-year period. The results being described here may be partially or fully explained by the fact that a substantial majority of these subjects (i.e., over 92%) had obtained the rank of E5 or higher, and thus may have delegated many of these tasks. These results may also be largely explained if the base or bases these Soldiers were assigned to in the last two years did not have some or all of the equipment in question located there. Nonetheless -- overall, 30% of the 19D sample indicated that they had performed only 10 or fewer of the 16 tasks addressed in the common and 19D-specific JAQs in the last two years, and 11% of the 19K sample said they had done only eight or fewer of the 12 tasks addressed by the 19K-specific JAQ over the same two-year period.

Tasks Performed in Combat Settings but Not in Garrison

A number of cavalry scouts and armor crewmen who had been deployed said that they had performed MOS-specific tasks in the field *but not in garrison*. Thus, it appears that these Soldiers completed at least some MOS-specific tasks during deployments but were not being trained in garrison to perform these tasks. This may be cause for concern. Of those completing the 19D JAQ who said they had deployed at least once in the past two years, 23 respondents – nearly 5% of this sample - indicted that they had spent from 1% to 30% of their time (an average of nearly 14%) performing MOS-specific tasks in combat settings but no time at all performing these tasks in a garrison or training environment. Of those completing the 19K-specific JAQ who reported deploying on a combat assignment but not performing MOS-specific tasks in garrison or training, six participants said they had performed MOS-specific tasks at least 25% of the time they had been deployed, with four of these saying they performed these types of tasks over 75% of the time in combat settings. Another 12 indicated that they completed MOS-specific tasks less than 25% of the time they were deployed. Thus, they also may have occasionally completed MOS-specific tasks during their deployment that they were not trained in garrison to perform.

Comparing Task Importance Ratings of Soldiers to Those of SMEs

A comparison of the task importance ratings of the JAQ respondents with the judgments of 20 SMEs revealed a good deal of similarity between the two sets of evaluations but also some notable differences. The job incumbents and SMEs agreed on the high importance of some of the tasks (e.g., dragging a casualty to safety, evacuating a casualty from the top of a vehicle), and came fairly close to agreement on others (e.g., loading ammunition cans onto a BFV, performing a dismounted tactical movement). However, the SMEs saw several tasks as critical that the scouts and crewman rated as far less important (e.g., using hand grenades, filling and carrying sandbags). Also notably, one particular task (i.e., carrying and connecting a vehicle tow bar for a Buffalo, BFV or Stryker from a towing vehicle to a disabled vehicle) was rated as highly important by both cavalry scouts and armor crewmen but not selected as critical by the SMEs.

What are some implications of these comparisons? First, it appears that some tasks that were once important to the job of a cavlary scout or armor crewman (e.g., using grenades, filling and carrying sandbags, and in the case of the armor crewmen, performing dismounted tactical movements) may still be thought of as critical to job success by SMEs but not by job incumbents. Thus, differences of perspective concerning the relative importance of tasks performed by 19Ds and 19Ks may lead to differences in the manner that experts think these jobs should be performed and the way they are actually prepared for and performed by incumbents. For example, perhaps various types of tools or equipment (e.g., the Long-Range Advanced Scout Surveillance System (LRAS3) or the M242 Bushmaster, both mentioned by Soldiers in their comments) would be set aside and other equipment used. This may happen because some of this equipment may not be used in current combat scenarios, because Soldiers do not believe it's the best equipment available for the task, or because they are unaware that such equipment exists. Some of these possibilities may reflect a lack of knowledge and experience on the part of incumbent Soldiers that SMEs often possess, and these possibilities can be addressed in training settings and scenarios. As another example, it would be entirely possible to select a set of physically demanding tasks that are approved by

experts for assessing Soldiers for the 19D or 19K positions that would not be widely or consistently used by job incumbents or others for screening purposes.

Tasks Not Addressed by JAQs but Mentioned by Soldiers

Part of the purpose of this research investigation was to ascertain whether there were any physically demanding tasks performed by cavalry scouts or armor crewmen that those conducting this research failed to identify. A number of such tasks were often mentioned. Among the sample of cavalry scouts, frequently mentioned tasks not addressed by the JAQ included 1) mounting/dismounting, loading/unloading, and transporting equipment and ammunition that were not mentioned in the survey (e.g., the LRAS3, various crew-served weapons, missile launchers, IED detection and disable equipment, and grenade launchers), sometimes to observational point positions, and 2) navigating and sprinting through obstacles (e.g., climbing over walls, navigating or sprinting across rugged terrain, and climbing up ropes and ladders) in full fighting load, while carrying equipment such as crew-served weapons. Among the armor crewmen, several frequently mentioned tasks not represented by the survey were 1) performing manual track maintenance on tracked vehicles (e.g., replacing sections and entire sides of the track, replacing track pads, and replacing a track support chain) and transporting the materials necessary to perform these tasks, 2) installing, removing and transporting tracked vehicle road wheels, and 3) tracked vehicle engine service and maintenance tasks (e.g., checking oil levels, servicing the breech, and servicing v-packs). Tables 39and 40 above reference several other tasks mentioned by the scouts and crewmen that were not addressed by the JAQ.

Questionnaires and surveys are by their very nature slow and time-consuming methods of information collection. The entire process of survey research design, survey preparation, distribution, completion, data analysis, report preparation, and distribution of findings may span months or even years. Job analysis using such methods can obtain accurate and helpful information, but the time involved in the survey process allows the jobs being analyzed to change to a possibly considerable extent. It is quite possible that the 19 Series MOSs being addressed in this report may have changed to some degree during

the survey process, and may now contain a number of aspects not originally identified in this study. These aspects may need to be considered and addressed during the process of developing proxy measures for selection, as well as during the process of upgrading the appropriate training programs.

Strengths and Limitations of this Research

The three survey studies discussed in this report were designed with the following strengths.

- 1) The surveys used in this research were designed using best practices for survey development, including the writing and scaling of items based on the combined experience of 20 SMEs and observations of job performance conducted by several research scientists. Many item response sets were quantified as appropriate, and supplemental items were used to gather qualitative information concerning many of the tasks.
- 2) The entire population of Army cavalry scouts and armor crewmen (a total of 17,950 Soldiers) was provided the opportunity to respond to the surveys, rather than only a sample of these Soldiers.
- 3) Survey content was distributed over three surveys, to increase the number of fully completed surveys and the focused attention of Soldiers while completing them.
- 4) Surveys were administered by computer to maximize sample size, ease of use, and ease of data compilation and transfer.

This research is also limited in the following ways:

- 1) The response rates in this research were low (i.e., 9.3%, 7.0%, and 1.8% respectively for the 19D-specific, 19K-specific, and Common Task JAQs). Thus, there may be a moderate to high likelihood that some results do not well represent the cavalry scout and armor crewman populations as a whole. Further, due to the study survey procedures, those conducting this research had no way to compare respondents to non-respondents.
- 2) Despite the customization of many items to the cavalry scout and armor crewman MOSs, a large percentage of the JAQ items were of necessity written generically to ensure comparability of

- responses from Soldiers in many Army MOSs. This may have affected the quality of some item responses.
- 3) This survey was web-administered, and thus participants had limited opportunity to seek feedback about question intent. This may have affected the appropriateness of some item responses. For example, participants may have overlooked the units of distance being asked and thus responded in feet or yards when the unit being requested was miles. Task importance ratings were made on the following unanchored scale: "Very little importance" to the performance of my MOS, "Some importance," "Important," "Very important," and "Extremely important." Thus, these response options may represent different meanings or levels of importance to different subjects.

Recommendations

The question can now fairly be asked based on these highlighted results: Is the Army adequately preparing cavalry scouts and armor crewmen for their jobs? If not, then 19 Series training programs may need to be comprehensively assessed and to some extent modified. Results indicated that cavalry scouts spent nearly 82% of their deployment time performing physically demanding work (i.e., physical training, tactical movements & patrols, loading and unloading supplies and equipment, physically demanding tasks common to many combat arms jobs, and MOS-specific tasks such as loading missiles into weapon systems) as opposed to less than 65% of their time performing such work during garrison or training. The corresponding figures among armor crewmen are over 78% of deployment time and about 60% of their time in garrison and training settings, respectively. Perhaps more importantly, among cavalry scouts about 125% more time was reported to have been spent conducting tactical movements, foot marches and patrols during combat deployments than in garrison or training settings (i.e., about 26% and slightly under 12% respectively). Armor crewmen said they spent about 245% more time conducting foot movements and patrols during combat deployments than in garrison or training settings (i.e., nearly 23% and slightly under 7% respectively). It is understandable that dismounted tactical movements would be conducted less in garrison and training settings than during combat deployments, given the demands of the task and high

risk of injury. However, these reported differences are substantial and probably larger than ideal. Overall, it appears that the training engaged in by cavalry scouts and armor crewmen may not be optimally preparing them for the physical demands of combat deployments. It also appears that expectations of performance are not being passed on to each and every Soldier.

A maxim and doctrinal summary statement often put forward in Army training settings is that the Army should "train as it fights." The results of these three questionnaires completed by a total of well over 900 Soldiers in the cavalry scout and armor crewman MOSs (the total number depending on the number of armor crewmen who completed both the common and 19K-specific surveys) indicate that perhaps cavalry scouts and armor crewmen do <u>not</u> train as they fight. It would certainly seem that they should perform in garrison or training settings the tasks that they will encounter during a combat deployment. It also certainly seems that they should have at least some experience in all or nearly all of the tasks they are expected to perform in combat scenarios, particularly those that are the most important to success in their jobs. Following are three major/general recommendations suggested from this data:

- 1) Regular standardized assessments of cavalry scout and armor crewman training programs could be conducted to determine what common and 19 Series-specific tasks and capabilities will be emphasized or downplayed to reflect actual performance in combat settings. As force size changes and enemies are encountered in different theaters of operation, changes in training programs are also needed and thus and thus the degree to which these tasks are emphasized in training programs may also need to change. Further, new tasks and demands are occasionally encountered and may need to be incorporated into training doctrine and scenarios. Information pertaining to task participation could be gathered from recently deployed Soldiers, and lessons learned could be used to identify the physically demanding tasks that are more important and frequently performed.
- 2) More time may need to be spent performing certain tasks in garrison settings. For example, based on this survey data, tactical marches and patrols are being performed by 19 Series Soldiers more than twice as often in theater than they are in garrison and training settings (well over three times

as often in the case of 19Ks). Further, a large percentage of the respondents said that they had never pulled a casualty from a commander's seat through the top hatch of a wheeled vehicle, despite the fact that this was rated one of the most important tasks to job success. On a more general level, most of the respondents said that in the last two years they had not performed one or more of the tasks represented in this study.

3) A dedicated follow-up effort is recommended to ascertain that Soldiers are trained on each of the tasks represented in this study, perhaps along with others that were mentioned by Soldiers in their comments. Considering each of the tasks evaluated by SMEs as critical to job success, the percentages of JAQ respondents who reported that they had not performed the task ranged from 2% (not loading ammunition for the M2 .50 Cal Machine Gun onto an Abrams tank; not performing a dismounted tactical movement) to 27% (not evacuating a casualty from the top of a vehicle).

APPENDIX A

Common Task Ratings of the Individual 19D and 19K Samples

Ratings of Frequencies with Which 19 Series Common Tasks are Performed (Percentages)							
Task	MOS	Never	Only In IET	< 3 Times	4-9 Times	10-19 Times	20+ Times
1. Lift & Drag Casualty to Safe Position as Quickly as Possible	19D (n=560)	4.6	5	34.8	21.6	18.6	15.4
	19K (n=54)	0	1.9	48.1	25.9	18.5	5.6
2. With Assistance Lift, Carry & Install Barrel of 25mm gun on BFV	19D (n=558)	17.9	22.4	24.9	7.7	6.5	20.6
	19K (n=54)	96.3	1.9	1.9	0	0	0
3. Lift & Carry Ammo Cans from Supply Point to BFV	19D (n=559)	13.4	17.7	25	13.1	8.6	22.2
	19K (n=54)	85.2	1.9	3.7	3.7	1.9	3.7
4. Throw a Hand Grenade	19D (n=559)	4.1	22.4	42.6	18.6	5	7.3
	19K (n=54)	1.9	27.8	50	11.1	7.4	1.9
5. Use Shovel to Fill Sand Bags for Building Fighting Position	19D (n=557)	9.3	12.9	37	17.4	8.6	14.7
	19K (n=54)	9.3	16.7	50	14.8	5.6	3.7
6. Lift & Carry Sandbags & Build Fighting Position	19D (n=559)	9.7	11.5	39.7	18.1	8.1	12.9
	19K (n=53)	9.4	15.1	52.8	15.1	1.9	5.7
7. With Assistance Pull Casualty Through Top Hatch of Vehicle	19D (n=560)	26.8	12	37	15.4	4.5	4.5
	19K (n=53)	34	3.8	34	26.4	1.9	0
8. Climb Over, Through, or Around Barbed Wire Obstacles	19D (n=558)	10.6	20.2	38.6	16.5	7.3	6.8
	19K (n=53)	17	24.5	45.3	7.5	1.9	3.8
9. With Group, Lift, Carry & Connect Vehicle Tow Bar to	19D (n=559)	9	4.3	29.2	28.1	14.7	14.7
Disabled Vehicle	19K (n=54)	24.1	1.9	35.2	22.2	13	3.7
10. Jack Up Vehicle & Remove Lug Nuts from Flat Tire	19D (n=560)	13.4	3.4	48.4	19.1	7.1	8.6
	19K (n=54)	14.8	1.9	68.5	13	1.9	0

Ratings of Frequencies with Which 19 Series Common Tasks are Performed (Percentages) (Continued)

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Task	MOS	Never	Only In IET	< 3 Times	4-9 Times	10-19 Times	20+ Times
11. With Assistance, Remove HMMWV Spare Tire, Roll, & Lift onto Axle of	19D (n=560)	17.5	5.4	47	18.8	5.4	5.9
Disabled Vehicle	19K (n=54)	24.1	3.7	64.8	5.6	1.9	0
12. Manually Tighten Lug Nuts on Tire with Lug or Torque Wrench	19D (n=560)	13.6	3.4	48.8	18.5	6.8	8.8
	19K (n=54)	14.8	0	68.5	7.4	5.6	3.7
13. As Part of Group of 4, Remove HMMWV Flat Tire & Lift into Back of	19D (n=560)	22	4.3	47.7	16.1	5	4.8
Vehicle	19K (n=53)	22.6	1.9	66	5.7	3.8	0
14. Perform Dismounted Foot March or Tactical Movement	19D (n=560)	2	1.3	7	9.5	14.8	65.5
	19K (n=54)	1.9	3.7	27.8	13	16.7	37
15. While Seated, Remove & Lift/Lower M242 Feeder Assembly on BFV 25mm	19D (n=559)	22	22.4	22	8.6	8	16.9
Gun	19K (n=54)	96.3	1.9	1.9	0	0	0

Task	MOS	No	Yes
13. As Part of Group of 4, Remove HMMWV Flat Tire & Lift into Back of Vehicle	19D (n=553)	14.3	85.7
	19K (n=53)	25.9	74.1
14. Perform Dismounted Foot March or Tactical Movement	19D (n=559)	1.1	98.9
	19K (n=54)	9.3	90.7
15. While Seated, Remove & Lift/Lower M242 Feeder Assembly on BFV 25mm Gun	19D (n=547)	11	89
	19K (n=54)	98.1	1.9

Importance Ratings of 19 Series Common Tasks (Percentages)							
Task	MOS	Very Little	Some	Important	Very	Extremely	
1. Lift & Drag Casualty to Safe Position as Quickly as Possible	19D (n=550)	2.7	8.4	20.5	21.5	46.9	
	19K (n=53)	0	1.9	15.1	32.1	50.9	
2. With Assistance Lift, Carry & Install Barrel of 25mm gun on BFV	19D (n=520)	2.3	5	21	22.9	48.8	
	19K (n=3)	0	0	0	33.3	66.7	
3. Lift & Carry Ammo Cans from Supply Point to BFV	19D (n=517)	3.3	5.6	26.7	24.8	39.7	
	19K (n=9)	22.2	0	22	0	56	
4. Throw a Hand Grenade	19D (n=538)	3.5	11.3	25.7	24	35.5	
	19K (n=51)	9.8	19.6	39.2	11.8	19.6	
5. Use Shovel to Fill Sand Bags for Building Fighting Position	19D (n=491)	6.3	19.6	26.5	20.6	27.1	
	19K (n=43)	14	23.3	27.9	23.3	11.6	
6. Lift & Carry Sandbags & Build Fighting Position	19D (n=498)	3.8	18.3	29.7	20.9	27.3	
	19K (n=37)	8.1	27	27	21.6	16.2	
7. With Assistance Pull Casualty Through Top Hatch of Vehicle	19D (n=517)	1.4	4.1	17.4	24.6	52.6	
	19K (n=42)	2.4	0	23.8	21.4	52.4	
8. Climb Over, Through, or Around Barbed Wire Obstacles	19D (n=493)	5.7	18.3	30	19.9	26.2	
	19K (n=36)	13.9	36.1	19.4	16.7	13.9	
9. With Group, Lift, Carry & Connect Vehicle Tow Bar to Disabled Vehicle	19D (n=516)	1.2	5.8	24.8	26	42.2	
	19K (n=45)	2.2	2.2	22.2	31.1	42.2	
10. Jack Up Vehicle & Remove Lug Nuts from Flat Tire	19D (n=502)	3.6	11.2	33.1	22.9	29.3	
	19K (n=41)	9.8	19.5	29.3	29.3	12.2	
11. With Assistance, Remove HMMWV Spare Tire, Roll, & Lift onto Axle of Disabled	19D (n=494)	2.6	11.3	34.6	23.7	27.7	
Vehicle	19K (n=44)	0	22.7	45.5	15.9	15.9	

Importance Ratings of 19 Series Common Tasks (Percentages) (Continued)								
Task		Very Little	Some	Important	Very	Extremely		
12. Manually Tighten Lug Nuts on Tire with Lug or Torque Wrench	19D (n=494)	3	10.1	37.2	23.7	25.9		
	19K (n=43)	2.3	23.3	34.9	23.3	16.3		
13. As Part of Group of 4, Remove HMMWV Flat Tire & Lift into Back of Vehicle	19D (n=473)	4.2	15	38.5	18.6	23.7		
		5.1	33.3	35.9	17.9	7.7		
14. Perform Dismounted Foot March or Tactical Movement	19D (n=549)	1.3	0.4	7.3	20	71		
	19K (n=49)	10.2	12.2	22.4	24.5	30.6		
15. While Seated, Remove & Lift/Lower M242 Feeder Assembly on BFV 25mm Gun	19D (n=486)	0.8	2.5	20.4	27.4	49		
•	19K (n=2)	0	0	0	50	50		

Ratings of Time Requirements (in Minutes) for 19 Series Common Tasks (Percentages)							
Task	MOS	<1 Mins	1-5 Mins	6-10 Mins	11-30 Mins	31-60 Mins	>60 Mins
1. Lift & Drag Casualty to Safe Position as Quickly as Possible	19D (n=551)	32.3	55.4	9.8	1.8	0.5	0.2
	19K (n=53)	18.9	67.9	11.3	1.9	0	0
2. With Assistance Lift, Carry & Install Barrel of 25mm gun on BFV	19D (n=517)	25.9	44.7	19.1	8.3	1.2	0.8
	19K (n=3)	33.3	0	66.7	0	0	0
3. Lift & Carry Ammo Cans from Supply Point to BFV	19D (n=514)	10.3	55.8	23.2	7.6	2.5	0.6
	19K (n=9)	11.1	0	33.3	44.4	0	11.1
4. Throw a Hand Grenade	19D (n=559)	4.1	22.4	42.6	18.6	5	7.3
	19K (n=51)	96.1	2	0	0	0	2
5. Use Shovel to Fill Sand Bags for Building Fighting Position	19D (n=491)	5.9	17.7	9.4	18.7	22.4	25.9
	19K (n=43)	0	23.3	9.3	18.6	27.9	20.9
6. Lift & Carry Sandbags & Build Fighting Position	19D (n=498)	4	21.1	14.5	17.9	19.1	23.5
	19K (n=37)	2.7	21.6	13.5	13.5	16.2	32.4
7. With Assistance Pull Casualty Through Top Hatch of Vehicle	19D (n=519)	14.3	64.2	16.2	4	0.8	0.6
	19K (n=42)	16.7	64.3	19	0	0	0
8. Climb Over, Through, or Around Barbed Wire Obstacles	19D (n=491)	18.7	53.4	19.8	6.3	1.2	0.6
	19K (n=35)	11.4	62.9	22.9	2.9	0	0
9. With Group, Lift, Carry & Connect Vehicle Tow Bar to Disabled Vehicle	19D (n=518)	2.5	46.5	35.3	11.4	3.3	1
	19K (n=44)	0	45.5	31.8	20.5	2.3	0
10. Jack Up Vehicle & Remove Lug Nuts from Flat Tire	19D (n=491)	18.7	53.4	19.8	6.3	1.2	0.6
	19K (n=41)	2.4	7.3	43.9	39	7.3	0
11. With Assistance, Remove HMMWV Spare Tire, Roll, & Lift onto Axle of	19D (n=496)	2.2	30.2	39.9	21.8	5	0.8
Disabled Vehicle	19K (n=44)	0	22.7	36.4	34.1	4.5	2.3

Ratings of Time Requirements (in Minutes) for 19 Series Common Tasks (Percentages) (Continued)								
Task	MOS	<1 Mins	1-5 Mins	6-10 Mins	11-30 Mins	31-60 Mins	>60 Mins	
12. Manually Tighten Lug Nuts on Tire with Lug or Torque Wrench	19D (n=498)	3.6	48	32.3	13.1	2.6	0.4	
	19K (n=43)	2.3	44.2	34.9	16.3	2.3	0	
13. As Part of Group of 4, Remove HMMWV Flat Tire & Lift into Back of Vehicle	19D (n=474)	7.4	43.9	32.7	13.1	2.7	0.2	
	19K (n=40)	7.5	47.5	25	17.5	0	2.5	
14. Perform Dismounted Foot March or Tactical Movement	19D (n=549)	0.2	0.4	2	4.2	13.7	84.6	
	19K (n=49)	0	2	4.1	6.1	10.2	77.6	
15. While Seated, Remove & Lift/Lower M242 Feeder Assembly on BFV 25mm Gun	19D (n=480)	5.4	41.9	35.2	12.9	2.9	1.7	
	19K (n=2)	0	0	2	0	0	0	

Uniform Worn While Performing 19 Series Common Tasks (Percentages)									
Task	MOS	Standard	Standard + Vest	Fight Load -Weapon	Fight Load + Weapon	Approach	EMR Approach		
1. Lift & Drag Casualty to Safe Position as Quickly as Possible	19D (n=553)	8	4.9	8.7	63.7	9.2	5.6		
	19K (n=53)	5.7	20.8	13.2	56.6	1.9	1.9		
2. With Assistance Lift, Carry & Install Barrel of	19D (n=514)	40.7	38.5	8.9	10.9	0.4	0.6		
25mm gun on BFV	19K (n=3)	3	0	0	0	0	0		
3. Lift & Carry Ammo Cans from Supply Point to	19D (n=515)	23.7	29.3	15.3	30.3	0.8	0.6		
BFV	19K (n=9)	55.6	22.2	22.2	0	0	0		
4. Throw a Hand Grenade	19D (n=539)	2.2	0.9	17.8	70.3	5.2	3.5		
	19K (n=51)	5.9	9.8	11.8	70.6	0	2		
5. Use Shovel to Fill Sand Bags for Building Fighting Position	19D (n=492)	29.1	4.3	30.1	33.9	1.6	1		
	19K (n=43	25.6	9.3	27.9	34.9	2.3	0		
6. Lift & Carry Sandbags& Build Fighting Position	19D (n=500)	26	3.8	26.4	41.8	1.6	0.4		
	19K (n=37)	18.9	13.5	29.7	35.1	2.7	0		
7. With Assistance Pull Casualty Through Top	19D (n=522)	5	19.7	24.3	48.9	1.3	0.8		
Hatch of Vehicle	19K (n=41)	4.9	36.6	26.8	31.7	0	0		
8. Climb Over, Through, or Around Barbed Wire	19D (n=493)	10.3	2.8	7.7	70.2	6.3	2.6		
Obstacles	19K (n=35)	8.6	11.4	11.4	62.9	2.9	2.9		
9. With Group, Lift, Carry & Connect Vehicle Tow Bar to Disabled Vehicle	19D (n=519)	10.2	8.1	22.2	57.2	1.5	0.8		
	19K (n=45)	6.7	20	31.1	42.2	0	0		
10. Jack Up Vehicle & Remove Lug Nuts from	19D (n=507)	29.8	11	30.4	27.4	0.8	0.6		
Flat Tire	19K (n=41)	43.9	17.1	22	17.1	0	0		

Uniform Worn While Performing 19 Series Common Tasks (Percentages) (Continued) Fight Fight Standard Load -Load + **EMR** Task MOS Standard Weapon Weapon Approach + Vest Approach 11. With Assistance, 19D 29 7.5 30.8 30.8 1.2 0.6 Remove HMMWV Spare (n=496)Tire, Roll, & Lift onto Axle 19K 31.8 0 0 43.2 6.8 18.2 of Disabled Vehicle (n=44)12. Manually Tighten Lug 19D 31.1 0.4 31.3 8.4 27.9 0.8 Nuts on Tire with Lug or (n=498)Torque Wrench 19K 48.8 11.6 23.3 16.3 0 0 (n=43)13. As Part of Group of 4, 19D 29.7 7.8 30.7 0.8 0.2 30.7 Remove HMMWV Flat Tire (n=475)& Lift into Back of Vehicle 19K 41 5.1 28.2 25.6 0 0 (n=39)14. Perform Dismounted 19D 0.9 2.9 32.5 29 1.6 33 (n=551)Foot March or Tactical Movement 19K 0 2 12.2 32.7 24.5 28.6 (n=49)15. While Seated, Remove 19D 23 55.1 11 10.8 0.2 0 & Lift/Lower M242 Feeder (n=483)Assembly on BFV 25mm 19K 50 0 50 0 0 0 Gun (n=2)